

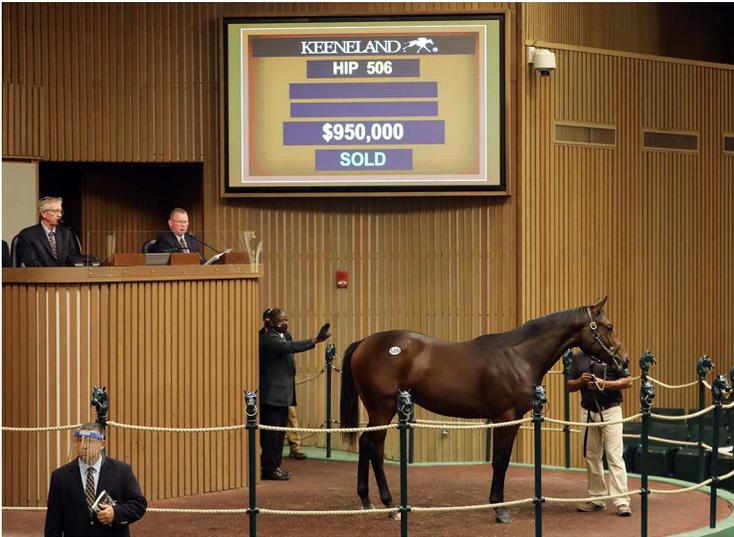
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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER MARCHES INTO BOOK 2



Session-topping Hip 506 in the ring | Keeneland

by Jessica Martini and Brian DiDonato

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland September Yearling Sale continued to see strong action at the top, but an elevated buy-back rate at the first of two Book 2 sessions Wednesday in Lexington. A colt by Uncle Mo from the Gainesway consignment brought the day's highest bid when selling for \$950,000 to bloodstock agent David Ingordo.

In all, 185 yearlings sold for \$40,861,000. The average was \$220,870 and the median was \$180,000. Through three sessions, 394 head have grossed \$126,076,000 for an average of \$319,990 and a median of \$250,000.

Last year's Keeneland sale opened with a power-packed three-session Book 1 which saw 340 yearlings sell for \$160,463,000. The Book 1 average was \$471,950 and the median was \$355,000.

"Last year was sort of a surreal market, it was one of the strongest September sales I think we've seen in a long time, regardless of the [record-setting] \$8.2-million [sale topper], the whole feel of the market was very strong last year," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "To replicate that in a normal year would have been difficult, so what we are doing at the moment in what is definitely not a normal year, I think we should be very appreciative of both our buyers and sellers who are here to make this market. And we are." **Cont. p3**

TWO DEFENDANTS IN FEDERAL INDICTMENT PLEAD GUILTY TO DOPING CHARGES

Scott Robinson and Sarah Izhaki each pled guilty today to conspiring to unlawfully distribute adulterated and misbranded drugs for the purpose of doping racehorses. Robinson pled guilty before U.S. District Judge J. Paul Oetken, and will be sentenced by Judge Oetken Jan. 15, 2021. Izhaki pled guilty before U.S. District Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil, and will be sentenced by Judge Vyskocil Dec. 2, 2020. The guilty pleas are the first major domino to fall from the **bombshell FBI indictments** that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York dropped in March, which included charges against high-profile trainers Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro. **Cont. p15**

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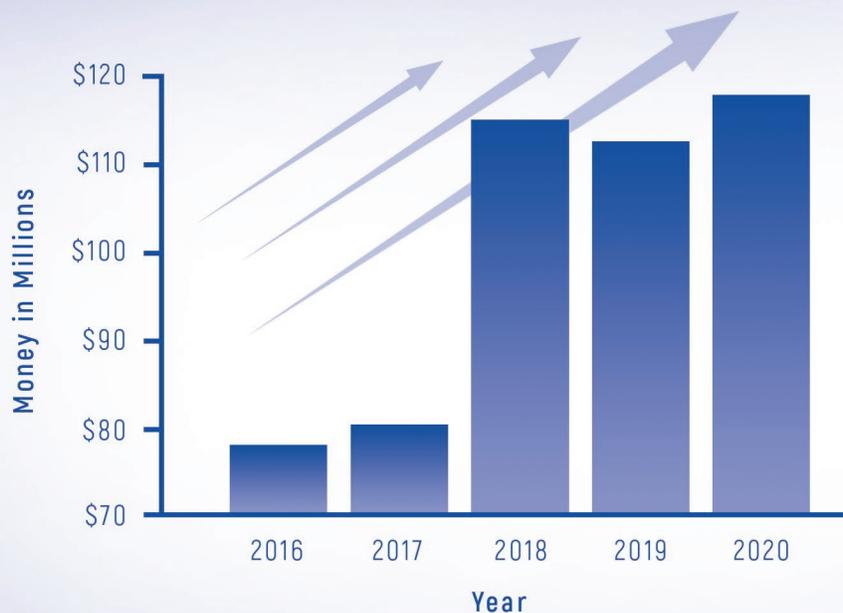
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Trained by Dallas Stewart and owned by the Estate of James Coleman, Jr., Yashima, a three-year-old son of Distorted Humor, was donated to New Vocations in early August. Following a little time off, he's now working well under saddle and will be available for adoption soon. Yashima is pictured in a stall named in memory of the TDN's Ben Massam. To learn more about the stall, [click here](#). | New Vocations

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Because of a shift in wind direction, Golden Gate Fields will reopen for racing under clear blue skies Thursday despite the nearby wildfires. Bill Finley has the details.



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KEESEP Marches Into Book 2 cont. from p1

Last year’s Book 2 session featured a pair of \$1-million yearlings, including last week’s GI Del Mar Futurity runner-up Spielberg (Union Rags). But with five horses selling for \$800,000, Wednesday’s session topper was the only to approach seven figures and the only one over \$900,000.

“Book 1 is where million-dollar horses should be, if we do our job right,” Russell said. “Last year, we were fortunate enough to have Spielberg bring a million and he is Grade I placed now. Today we had one for \$950,000. Last year at this session, we had 16 horses bring over \$500,000 and this year we had 12 bring that. Given the era of COVID, I think that’s a pretty strong statistic. Buyers seem to be lighting on the same horses, driving those prices up. It’s a horse sale.”



Geoffrey Russell | Keeneland

Through three days of selling, the buy-back rate was 39.29% as sellers seemed to continue to struggle to adjust to an uncertain marketplace.

“When you breed at one end of the market and have to sell at another, it’s very difficult to come to terms with that,” Russell said. “I think we are seeing some of that. I think it’s coming to the adjustment now of, ‘What do I have in the horse and what am I getting out?’ We hope that adjusts as we go forward.”

The domestic buying bench continued to dominate the top of the market, but foreign buyers remained active with Wednesday’s bidding featuring 150 bids, and six sales, from internet bidders.

“We were looking at it closely and I think, at a time when there is such uncertainty about how much international participation there would be, we were really happy with the buyer base,” said Keeneland President Elect Shannon Arvin. “It’s a very diverse buyer base and they are participating in different ways. We continued to have a lot of activity on the internet today, particularly from Japan.” **Cont. p4**

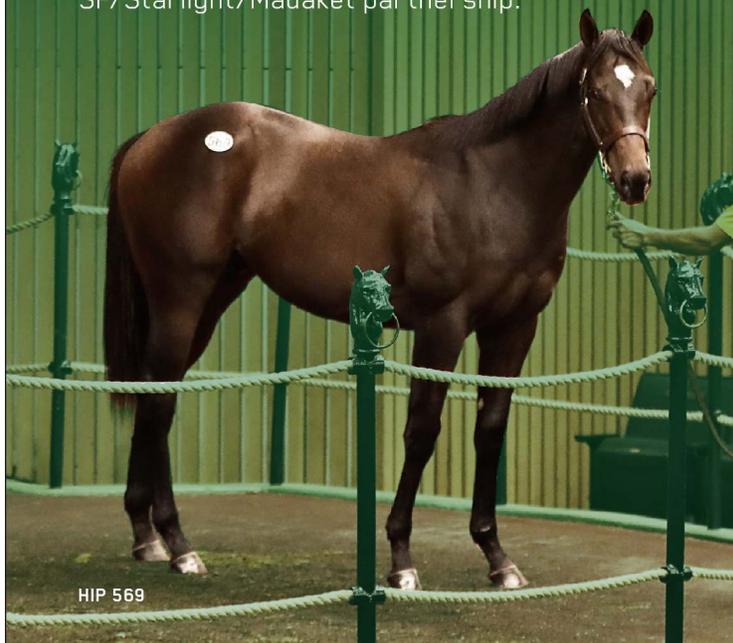


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Uncle Mo Colt to Ingordo

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo, bidding out back, outlasted the SF/Starlight/Madaket partnership bidding in the show ring to acquire a colt by Uncle Mo for a session-topping \$950,000 early in Wednesday's third session of the Keeneland September sale. The yearling was consigned by Gainesway as agent for his breeder, Three Chimneys. He is the first foal out of the unraced Bella Rafaela (Smart Strike), a half-sister to Grade I winner Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}).

"I saw this horse at Three Chimneys Farm a few weeks before the sale," Ingordo said. "He is one of the best prospects I saw and I probably looked at 1,500 on the farms before the sale. He was my personal top

pick. We have Twirling Candy [at Lane's End] and he looks like the family. This is the horse we wanted to have."

Ingordo signed the ticket on the colt (**hip 506**) in the name of Mayberry Farm and, while he declined to name the client he was buying for, he was bidding alongside owner Lee Searing of C R K Stable.

Several high-priced offerings at Keeneland this week have been purchased by partnerships made up of major buyers, with SF/Starlight and Madaket leading the way.

"We try to buy the best horse. We have our price in mind and we know you have to stretch for the better ones," Ingordo said. "What's hard, and what we do have to figure out how to adjust to, is that my clients are usually their own entities. So it's one person's finances, in some instances, against many people's

finances. I work for a lot of private individuals and what we have to adjust for is partnership stuff." **Cont. p5**



David Ingordo | Keeneland

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“That’s the hardest thing when you have a partnership going in and buying 20,” he continued. “It’s a great strategy and I have to figure out my own plan for that. But when you’re bidding for one person against an entity that is many-headed and many-walleted, that’s something we have to figure out how to adjust for.”

Chris Baker of Three Chimneys said he was happy with the result in what has been a challenging market for sellers.



Chris Baker | Keeneland

“He was a really nice colt and, in what has proven to be a pretty selective market, it’s great to see him jump through all of the hoops and do well,” said Baker. “His price isn’t surprising, but it’s certainly encouraging in this market. And he’s in good hands to do well, so we are excited about that also.”

Baker continued, “For us, the market this week has been kind of moderate at best. This is the first colt that has exceeded expectations on any level. The others, we’ve gotten some traded, had some RNAs. It’s been a challenging, selective market with a lower ceiling.”

Of the decisions on which of the Three Chimneys foal crop is taken to market, Baker explained, “We try and bring 50% of the value of the crop to market. So it’s not a number, it’s more of an internal appraisal. We are trying to meet some budget restraints and to generate some revenue. If you kept what are your best half and sold the lesser half, we’ve got a business to run and operational expenses and all of that. So we’ve got to generate revenue. Something has to sell and sell well. You’ve got to feed the beast.” @JessMartiniTDN



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Second Time a Charm for Into Mischief Colt

A colt by Into Mischief ([hip 564](#)), led out unsold at \$230,000 as a weanling at last year's Keeneland November sale, proved more popular in his second trip through the Keeneland sales ring, selling for \$875,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Demi O'Byrne Wednesday. The yearling is out of Divine Heart (Divine Park), a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Include Me Out (Include) and Grade I winner Check the Label (Stormin Fever). He was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency on behalf of breeder Fred Hertrich.

"It's really hard to get something to sell well, but we thought that was a really special horse," said Taylor Made's Duncan Taylor. "He's a great mover and looks like an Into Mischief is supposed to look."

Taylor said bidding was selective at the September sales, but when the right people hooked up on a horse, sellers could be rewarded.

"We've sold Into Mischiefs in this sale that were similar for \$400,000 or \$450,000, but if you can get two of the right people hooked up on a horse, it can make the difference by \$200,000 or \$300,000."

Asked about the difference in results from November to September, Taylor said succinctly, "I think the Derby winner," referring to GI Kentucky Derby winner Authentic (Into Mischief).

"[In September] there are more end users and people visualizing and saying, 'I could win a Classic with an Into Mischief and this looks like a two-turn horse.' It's just a different market. Here there are people that want to take them and race them and win the big races."

Into Mischief has dominated both the Fasig Showcase last week and the early sessions of the Keeneland sale, but that is no surprise to Taylor.

"He's probably going to have a greater effect on the breed than even Storm Cat did," Taylor said of Into Mischief. "His conformation is good whereas Storm Cats, they were beautiful horses, but they were pigeon-toed. [Into Mischief's] sons like Practical Joke are throwing the same thing. Into Mischief is here to stay. He's going to keep at it." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Repole & Viola Continue Spending Spree

Prominent New York-based owners Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola, who co-campaigned last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic S. winner Vino Rosso (Curlin), have been loading up for the future this week and last in Lexington. With the help of agent Jacob West, they bought two colts at the Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase for a combined \$600,000, and have spent \$6.38 million on 15 head so far at KEESEP.

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Friday Favorites at Keeneland with Baccari Bloodstock



Hip 1225 - Klimt colt

- From the first crop by **GI Winning 2YO KLIMT**
- Half-brothers sold for **\$150k & \$100k** as yearlings

Hip 1267 - Quality Road colt

- By top sire **QUALITY ROAD** out of **BARUTA**, **GSW** in the U.S. and **MG1SP** in Brazil

Hip 1282 - Unified colt

- From the first crop by **MGSW UNIFIED**
- Half-bro to **SW BOURBONIZE & SP Shanghai Mike**

Hip 1356 - Speightster colt

- From the first crop by **GSW SPEIGHTSTER**
- Dam is half-sis to **WILDCAT LILY (GSW & MGISP, \$477,165)**

Hip 1432 - Klimt filly

- From the first crop by **GI Winning 2YO KLIMT**
- Half-sis to **COSMO CHARLIE (MSW & MGSP in UAE, \$453,024)**
- Half siblings sold for **\$280k, \$270k, \$190k, \$150k, \$140k**, etc.

Hip 1436 - Ghostzapper filly

- Dam **LIFE AT TEN** is a **MGI-Winner** of over \$1.2 million
- Half sister to **Singing Bullet (GSP, \$800,764)**
- Half sister sold for **\$1,200,000** as a yearling

Hip 1471 - Distorted Humor filly

- Second dam is **FOLKLORE** - Champion 2YO Filly, Winner of **GI BC Juvenile Fillies, GI Matron S.**, etc.
- Dam's half-sis is dam to undefeated **GI winner CONTRAIL (JPN)**

Hip 1496 - Nyquist colt

- **UPDATE!** Half-bro **MGSW DOCTOR MOUNTY**, 1st Henry Clark S. at Laurel 9/7, Earnings \$572,228
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- Half-bro to **\$1M 2yo DABSTER (MSW & MGSP)**

Hip 1601 - Union Rags colt

- Half-bro to **MGSP SPRING LILY**; immediate family of **LIBERIAN FREIGHTER (MGSW, \$759,090)** & **MEMORIES OF SILVER (MGISW, \$1,448,715)**

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They waited until Book 2 for their largest expenditure yet, an \$875,000 Into Mischief colt consigned by Gainesway, Agent XVII as **hip 701**.

One of Repole/Viola's Fasig buys was a \$450,000 son of Into Mischief, and Viola's St Elias Stables signed for another \$300,000 daughter of the Spendthrift stalwart across town. They've now purchased four sons of Into Mischief at Keeneland (**hip 211**, \$450,000; **hip 290**, \$360,000; and **hip 646**, \$350,000), and one grandson of Into Mischief from the first crop of Practical Joke (**hip 725**, \$575,000).

"Into Mischief, having Authentic win the [GI Kentucky] Derby has taken that stallion to another level," said West, after doing his bidding in the back ring alongside trainer Todd Pletcher, and fending off the likes of agent Donato Lanni to snag the colt. "I think at some point in time [Into Mischief] probably had a reputation of getting horses that were more the sprinter or miler-type animals, but now he's shown he can get a Classic-distance horse and it's put him in the upper echelons in Kentucky."

Into Mischief's 34 sellers through Wednesday have grossed a leading \$18.83 million at an average of \$558,824. He has had four reach seven figures and 14 meet or exceed \$500,000.

"I think at the end of the day, the market has always dictated that good horses are going to sell no matter who they're by or

what they're out of," West said. "But obviously, Authentic winning the Derby has put Into Mischief into another stratosphere. He's always been an incredible stallion, but now he's moved a couple rungs up the ladder because he's shown he can do things people didn't think he could do."

Repole and Viola are one of a few groups who have teamed up to take home many of the top lots at KEESEP--particularly colts.



Jacob West | Keeneland

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AT THE SALES

Among the Keeneland September Session Topping Yearlings

TUESDAY'S TOP FILLIES TDN 9/11/19

374 **Quality Road**—Easy Living, by Big Brown 700,000
Breeder: Stonehaven Steadings (KY)
 Consignor: Stonehaven Steadings
 Purchaser: Courtlandt Farm

FRIDAY'S TOP FILLIES TDN 9/14/19

694 **Medaglia d'Oro**—Venetian Sonata 620,000
Breeder: Stonehaven Steadings (Ky)
 Consignor: Stonehaven Steadings
 Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm

SUNDAY'S TOP FILLIES TDN 9/16/19

1626 **Hard Spun**—High Heeled Girl 410,000
Breeder: Stonehaven Steadings (Ky)
 Consignor: Stonehaven Steadings
 Purchaser: Hoolie Racing/Travis Durr, agent

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@BDiDonatoTDN

Nicols Rides Into Mischief Train to Big Score

Loren Nichols, who operates Trackside Farm in Williston, FL, was all smiles Wednesday as he and Gainesway general manager Brian Graves celebrated the \$875,000 sale of hip 701.

Nichols paid just \$47,000 for the colt’s unraced dam Mimi’s Tiz (Tiznow) while she was carrying her first foal, a colt by Will Take Charge, at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale. The resulting foal only brought \$32,000 last September, but Nichols more than got out on that purchase with Mimi’s Tiz’s second foal.

“Oh, I just loved the mare,” Nichols, who has a background in breeding and training Arabians, of Mimi’s Tiz’s appeal. “I took one look at her--she was carrying what I thought was going to be a very nice baby by Will Take Charge. That didn’t turn out so

good, but she’s a lovely mare. She’s got a beautiful Bolt d’Oro baby at home. This horse was just perfect all the way through.”

Mimi’s Tiz, a \$300,000 FTSAUG yearling, is a full-sister to SW Summer House out of SW Mimi’s Bling (Bernstein). She hails from the family of speedy Custom for Carlos, a leading sire in Louisiana.

Nichols, who keeps a broodmare band of approximately 10, hinted that he may have another reason to celebrate at Keeneland in a couple of months.

“I’ve got a real special [Into Mischief] filly at home who’s going to be in the November sale,” he revealed. “We’re excited about that one--she’s better than this one.”

The Mar. 22 foal is out of stakes-placed Conway Two Step (Spanish Steps), who is a half-sister to the dam of MGISW Miss Temple City (Temple City). Nichols paid just \$11,000 for that one at the 2013 OBS Winter Mixed Sale, and has already sold a \$475,000 Into Mischief yearling out of her. --@BDiDonatoTDN

Owens, Fincher on Lookout for ‘The One’

There were a pair of fresh faces slugging it out with the usual suspects Wednesday, and the relative newbies won out as Lori Owens of B-4 Farms LLC and top New Mexico-based trainer Todd Fincher refused to back down and went all the way to \$870,000 to take home hip 757. *Cont. p9*

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The Quality Road colt was consigned to the sale by Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck's Summerfield on behalf of Stonestreet Bred & Raised. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert was overheard saying to Owens and Fincher afterward something to the effect of, "You bought my horse!"

Owens and Fincher did their bidding in the show barn alongside agent Pete Bradley and his daughter Devon, and Fincher said the Bradley Thoroughbreds team provided he and Owens with a list of about a dozen horses before they eventually pared that list down to three. Hip 757 was the third and final to go through the ring.

"This is the top of the line, and that's where we all strive to get to some day," said Fincher, a prolific conditioner on his circuit of both Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds who has racked up close to \$30 million in career earnings. "Hopefully, this horse will take us there. He was just perfect-bodied; perfectly balanced.

The breeding was there. We just couldn't fault him in any way." Of Owens, who is from Abilene, TX, Fincher said, "She just got in the business a few years ago and had some success. She loves the game, and she wanted 'The One', so we're looking for 'The One.' Hopefully, this colt is it."

He continued, "Her friends got in on a couple Quarter Horses--which I didn't have--and I told her that in Thoroughbred game around here, you can buy them pretty cheap; have fun and win some money. The first one I bought her won a [\$157,000] futurity, and she paid [\$32,000] for the horse. She just loves it; she loves the excitement. She understands the game--it's a gamble--and she understands it. She loves it, and she loves the sale... She doesn't just call in and say, 'Go find me a horse.' She loves to be here, and you're here for hours every day, but she's figured it out."



Hip 757 | Keeneland

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HIP 1665

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Owens's current runners include Canoodling (Pioneer of the Nile), a \$180,000 buy here last season who Fincher prepared at Sunland Park and Ruidoso Downs before shipping her to Jeff Mullins at Del Mar. She won on debut in a turf sprint at the seaside oval July 31, but was fifth with a troubled trip in the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf S. Sept. 6.

Hip 757, whose dam was acquired for \$460,000 at KEENOV '17 in foal to Harlan's Holiday, is half to GSW Poker Player (Harlan's Holiday) and two more stakes-placed runners. This is the female family of recent GI Forego S. hero Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}).

--@BDiDonatoTDN

Shadwell Active in Book 2

Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Estate Company Ltd., typically the first or second-leading buyer at Keeneland September, was a bit quieter in Book 1 than usual, but struck early in the Book 2 opener Wednesday to land **hip 474**--a colt by sire of the moment Into Mischief--for \$700,000.

The full-brother to MGSP Class Act was bred by George Krikorian and consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency.

"He's a really nice colt," said Shadwell general manager and vice president Rick Nichols. "I'm surprised; he should have been in the first book. We're very pleased with that...I got beat out one the other night, and actually I like this one better."

Hip 474 is bred on the same Into Mischief--Distorted Humor cross as GISW and first-yearling sire Practical Joke. His third dam is Sheikh Mohammed's Group 2 winner Colour Chart (Mr. Prospector), who produced the likes of champion 2-year-old filly Tempera (A.P. Indy).

Shadwell's 2-year-old colt Mutasaabeg (Into Mischief) was named a **'TDN Rising Star'** for his Saratoga unveiling Aug. 1 and was third in the GI Runhappy Hopeful S. there last week.

Nichols admitted that Sheikh Hamdan's absence at this year's yearling sales had made an impact on Shadwell's expenditure.

"Well, he sometimes doesn't stop when I have to stop," Nichols chuckled. "It's definitely had some effect. We got beat out on four Monday night, and I think if he had been here we would've owned one. I have to follow instructions--he doesn't."

Shadwell later added an \$800,000 Speightstown full-brother to SW/MGISP Dawn the Destroyer (**hip 559**) and two more for \$270,000 total. --@BDiDonatoTDN

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Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Bred & Raised sold the \$2-million Tapit topper during Book 1 of KEESEP Monday, and its crop of high-quality yearlings continued to be well received into Book 2 Wednesday. *Cont. p11*

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SAT/OCT 3

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Among Stonestreet’s five sellers for \$2.81 million in gross receipts Wednesday was the aforementioned \$870,000 Quality Road and **hip 559**, the Speightstown colt picked up by Shadwell for \$800,000. The dark bay was consigned by Jody and Michelle Huckabay’s Elm Tree Farm.

“He is a very, very nice horse--thanks to Stonestreet, Ms. Banke, for letting us sell him,” Jody Huckabay said. “We saw him back in April, and Michelle and I got back in the car and our mouths dropped open. We loved him. He’s a very, very good horse, and obviously the buyers thought so too. We had a lot of interest. Shadwell has bought a lot of horses from us and thank goodness they believe in the product we bring up here.”

As for hip 559 being offered in Book 2, rather than Book 1 where he would have fit well on pedigree and physical, Huckabay said,

“We didn’t put any horses in Book 1. We’re kind of middle-of-the-road sellers, if you will, but this horse certainly could’ve gone in Book 1. Absolutely.”

Of the market, he added, “We’ve carried three through, we’ve sold three. The ones they’re on, you know when you leave the barn if you’re going to be ok or not, in general. If there’s nobody on them, it’s pretty tough.”

Hip 559 is out of **‘TDN Rising Star’** Dashing Debby (Medaglia d’Oro), who romped in Calder’s J J’dream S. at first asking in 2009 before being acquired privately by Stonestreet.

While she failed to hit the board in four subsequent tries, Dashing Debby has made up for it in the breeding shed. Her first foal Bronze Star (Tapit) was a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling in 2013 and eventually became a stakes winner. Dawn the Destroyer racked up better than \$556,000 on the track for Stonestreet, capped by a third-place run in last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint. She was bred to Into Mischief this past season.

Hip 559 was bred on a potent and popular cross responsible for the likes of Grade I winners Competitionofideas and Rock Fall and GSW **‘Rising Star’** Strike Power. A \$475,000 Speightster (Speightstown) filly (**hip 629**) who sold Wednesday is bred the same way.

Stonestreet’s 2019 September sellers grossed \$17,040,700 from 49 head. Its 2020 tally is up to \$5,745,000 for eight.

“I hope [marketing the horses as Stonestreet Bred & Raised] gives buyers more confidence,” Banke said after thanking Nichols. “We raise racehorses; we don’t ‘hot-house’ them. We do all the right things and try to raise a racehorse that is sturdy and has great breeding.” --@BDiDonatoTDN

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Breeze Easy, Baccari Score with Gun Runner

Mike Hall and Sam Ross's Breeze Easy is partnering with Chris Baccari on a commercial broodmare band of some 60-90 head and the partnership scored late in Wednesday's session of the Keeneland sale when selling a son of Gun Runner for \$775,000 to bloodstock agent David Ingordo, signing as Mayberry Farm. The bay colt ([hip 812](#)) is out of Sweet Shirley Mae (Broken Vow), who was second in the 2012 GI Spinaway S. Breeze Easy purchased the mare, in foal to Giant's Causeway, for \$225,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November sale.

"This is our goal, to raise good quality horses. That is what our goal has been the last two years," Baccari said. "We are looking to acquire really good mares and mate them the best we can and try to come up with good results."

Of the yearling, who is a half-brother to stakes winner Mae Never No (Ire) (No Nay Never), Baccari added, "I knew he was very popular. In this particular market, sometimes they are really on and fireworks happen. If they aren't enough on them, there is a little bit of fizzle, but not enough bang. That's how I look at the market right now, there is a lot of value here for people. If you are in the top 10% of your day, I don't care if you are in Book 5, you are going to probably have a good result."

While Breeze Easy has enjoyed success on the racetrack, Baccari said the partnership is focused on selling its foals.

"There is a time and a case where it's not going over good and it's worth keeping them at a normal or realistic price, if you like the horse," Baccari explained. "There was a More Than Ready filly we kept at Fasig-Tipton. We thought it would be hard to replace her and we bought her back for not much money. I think that's fine. But when people want to buy your horses, you have to let them buy. Our goal was to set this up as a commercial operation." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER - WEDNESDAY'S TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
506	Uncle Mo -Bella Rafaela	950,000
	Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm (Ky)	
	Consignor: Gainesway, Agent LV	
	Purchaser: Mayberry Farm	

- 564** **Into Mischief-Divine Heart** **875,000**
(\$230,000 RNA wnlg '19 KEENOV)
 Breeder: Fred W Hertrich, III and John Fielding (Ky)
 Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency,
 Agent for Watercress Farm (Fred W Hertrich III)
 Purchaser: D L O'Byrne
- 701** **Into Mischief-Mimi's Tiz** **875,000**
 Breeder: Loren Nichols (Fl)
 Consignor: Gainesway, Agent XVII
 Purchaser: West Bloodstock, agent for Repole Stable
- 757** **Quality Road-Revel in the Win** **870,000**
 Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky)
 Consignor: Summerfield (Francis & Barbara Vanlangendonck, Agent for Stonestreet Bred & Raised)
 Purchaser: B-4 Farms LLC
- 559** **Speightstown-Dashing Debby** **800,000**
 Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky)
 Consignor: Elm Tree Farm LLC (Mr & Mrs Jody Huckabay),
 Agent for Stonestreet Bred and Raised
 Purchaser: Shadwell Estate
- 812** **Gun Runner-Sweet Shirley Mae** **775,000**
 Breeder: Breeze Easy (KY)
 Consignor: Baccari Bloodstock, Agent I
 Purchaser: Mayberry Farm
- 569** **Candy Ride (Arg)-Draw It** **760,000**
(\$240,000 wnlg '19 KEENOV)
 Breeder: Randal Family Trust & W S Farish (Ky)
 Consignor: Claiborne Farm, agent
 Purchaser: Donato Lanni, agent for SF/Starlight/Madaket



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- 474 Into Mischief–Acting Class 700,000**
Breeder: George Krikorian (Ky)
Consignor: Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent
Purchaser: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
- 654 Uncle Mo–Kauai Katie 700,000**
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky)
Consignor: Denali Stud, Agt for Stonestreet Bred & Raised
Purchaser: M V Magnier
- 695 Uncle Mo–Mezinka 585,000**
(\$300,000 i/u '18 KEENOV)
Breeder: Breed First (Ky)
Consignor: Runnymede Farm, Inc., agent
Purchaser: Donato Lanni, agent for SF/Starlight/Madaket
- 725 Practical Joke–Numero d'Oro 575,000**
Breeder: Rosilyn Polan (Ky)
Consignor: Rosilyn Polan (Sunday Morning Farm)
Purchaser: West Bloodstock, Agent for Repole Stables & St. Elias Stable

- Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIV
Purchaser: Cayuga Capital
- 485 Nyquist–Altesse 350,000**
Breeder: Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (Ky)
Consignor: Gainesway, Agent XX
Purchaser: Robbie Medina, agent
- 665 Into Mischief–Layreebelle 350,000**
(\$525,000 i/u RNA '18 KEENOV)
Breeder: Machmer Hall (Ky)
Consignor: Machmer Hall Sales, Agent for Machmer Hall
Purchaser: Mike Ryan, agent
- 581 Classic Empire–Flattermewithroses 310,000**
(\$185,000 wnlg '19 KEENOV)
Breeder: China Horse Club (Ky)
Consignor: Gainesway, Agent XII
Purchaser: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & La Penta

KEENELAND SEPTEMBER –WEDNESDAY'S TOP FILLIES

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
753	Tapit–Redwood Dancer Breeder: Mt. Brilliant Broodmares & Tapit Syndicate (Ky) Consignor: Gainesway, Agent LXIV Purchaser: Whisper Hill Farm LLC	500,000
629	Speightster–Hot Water Breeder: Cobalt Investments (Ky) Consignor: Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXV Purchaser: Alex Lieblong	475,000
532	Into Mischief–Chase Motto Breeder: Machmer Hall (Ky) Consignor: Machmer Hall Sales, Agent for Machmer Hall Purchaser: Evergreen Bloodstock	430,000
751	Into Mischief–Rau Breck (\$175,000 wnlg '19 KEENOV) Breeder: Town & Country Horse Farms (Ky) Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, agent Purchaser: Oracle Bloodstock, agent	430,000
714	Ghostzapper–Mushka Breeder: SF Bloodstock and Matthew Sandblom (Ky) Consignor: Bedouin Bloodstock, Agent I Purchaser: Atlas Bloodstock, agent	370,000
762	Connect–Sam's Bliss (\$115,000 wnlg '19 KEENOV) Breeder: TF Van Meter & Fox Straus Kentucky (Ky)	360,000



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**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER
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SESSION TOTALS	2020
• Catalogued	386
• No. Offered	303
• No. Sold	185
• RNAs	118
• % RNAs	38.9%
• No. \$500K+	12
• High Price	\$950,000
• Gross	\$40,861,000
• Average	\$220,870
• Median	\$180,000

CUMULATIVE	2020
• Catalogued	834
• No. Offered	649
• No. Sold	394
• RNAs	255
• % RNAs	39.3%
• No. \$500K+	65
• High Price	\$2,000,000
• Gross	\$129,081,000
• Average	\$319,990
• Median	\$250,000

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER – WEDNESDAY

HIP	SEX	SIRE	DAM	PRICE (\$)
551	colt	Classic Empire	Daddy Loves Gold	340,000

B-Woods Edge Farm (Ky)

Consignor Woods Edge Farm (Peter O'Callaghan), agent

Purchased by M V Magnier

Peter O'Callaghan's Woods Edge Farm purchased Daddy Loves Gold, in foal to Liam's Map for \$150,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. That Liam's Map colt sold for \$350,000 at the 2018 Keeneland September sale, and while the mare's Goldencents filly only brought \$5,000 a year ago, her third foal was popular at Keeneland Wednesday. Daddy Loves Gold was bred to Kantharos this year.

569	colt	Candy Ride	Draw It	760,000
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B-Randal Family Trust & W S Farish

Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent

Purchased by Donato Lanni, agent for SF/Starlight/Madaket

Wallace Ave. Bloodstock purchased this colt for \$240,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

581	filly	Classic Empire	Flattermewithroses	310,000
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B-China Horse Club (Ky)

Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XII

Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners

Brian Graves's En Fuego Stables pinhooking partnership acquired this filly for \$185,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

582	colt	Ghostzapper	Flin Flon	240,000
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B-Genet Racing (Ky)

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent

Purchased by Breeze Easy, LLC

Cooper Bloodstock purchased this colt for \$110,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

669	colt	Constitution	Letchworth	220,000
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B-Henley Farms (Ky)

Consigned by Machmer Hall Sales, agent for Machmer Hall

Purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

The Brogdens' Machmer Hall purchased this colt for \$110,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

695	colt	Uncle Mo	Mezinka	585,000
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B-Breed First (Ky)

Consigned by Runnymede Farm, Inc., agent

Purchased by Donato Lanni, agent for SF/Starlight/Madaket

Magna Carta Bloodstock purchased Mezinka, with this foal in utero, for \$300,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

718	filly	Liam's Map	Nagambie	300,000
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B-Fred Hertrich III (Ky)

Consigned by Woods Edge Farm (Peter O'Callaghan), agent

Purchased by Albaugh Family/Barry Berkelhammer, agent

Northface Bloodstock acquired this filly for \$190,000 at this year's Keeneland January sale. Just a few hips earlier, Woods Edge sold a colt by Nyquist (**hip 699**) for \$320,000 to Phil and Christine Hatfield. The yearling had been purchased by Walnut Hill Bloodstock for \$240,000 at the January sale.

732	colt	Liam's Map	Pastel Gal	160,000
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B-Fergus Galvin (Ky)

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent

Purchased by West Bloodstock, agent for Repole Stable

E. M. H. Bloodstock acquired Pastel Gal, with this foal in utero, for \$37,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

746	colt	Blame	Private Citizen	400,000
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B-Nursery Place and Dicken Equine (Ky)

Consigned by Nursery Place, agent

Purchased by F Brothers, agent for Starlight

The Mayer family's Nursery Place purchased Private Citizen, with this foal in utero, for \$55,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

751	filly	Into Mischief	Rau Breck	430,000
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B-Town & Country Horse Farms (Ky)

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent

Purchased by Oracle Bloodstock, agent

Great Ways was the name on the ticket when this filly sold for \$175,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

762	filly	Connect	Sam's Bliss	360,000
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B-T F VanMeter & Fox Straus Kentucky (Ky)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIV

Purchased by Cayuga Capital

Empire Thoroughbreds, bidding on behalf of Kingsport Farm, purchased this filly from the first crop of Grade I winner Connect for \$115,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.



Keeneland September Yearling Sale

Thursday, Sept. 17

PINHOOK GUIDE

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Prev Sale</u>	<u>Buyer/Agent</u>	<u>Current Consignor</u>
847	C	Speightstown-Walking Path	\$150,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Rascal Bloodstock	Paramount Sales
853	F	Tiznow-World Event	\$85,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Breffni Farm	Blandford Stud
869	F	Munnings-Awesome Fire	\$60,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Hope Springs	Taylor Made Sales
883	C	Runhappy-Bible Belt	\$250,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Columbia Bloodstock	St George Sales
884	F	Not This Time-Bide a Wee Island	\$30,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Turnley Farms Louisiana	Taylor Made Sales
906	F	Nyquist-Cape Cod Lady	\$80,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Beryl Stokes Jr.	St George Sales
928	C	Nyquist-Complete Game	\$100,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Golden Star Farm	Vinery Sales
938	F	Hard Spun-Couture Cat	\$52,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Ramiro Salazar	Warrendale Sales
942	F	Connect-Czechers	\$27,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Haymarket Farm	Vinery Sales
945	C	Runhappy-Daylight's Coming	\$115,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	The Rock Bloodstock	Dromoland Farm
949	C	Malibu Moon-Delphinia	\$50,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	PM Equine Investments	Paramount Sales
957	C	Candy Ride (Arg)-Dixie City	\$250,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Stonehaven Steadings	Stonehaven Steadings
962	C	Classic Empire-Early Vintage	\$55,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Hope Springs	Taylor Made Sales
964	C	Practical Joke-Elusive Royalty	\$50,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	James Layden	Paramount Sales
970	F	Liam's Map-Essential Rose	\$120,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Albert Racing	Dromoland Farm
972	C	Mastery-Exogenetic	\$150,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Clarmont Bloodstock Club	Indian Creek
995	C	Unified-Goomada Byda Sea	\$50,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Briston Bloodstock	Taylor Made Sales
1021	C	Mastery-Janis's Joy	\$240,000	FTK FALL MIX 2019	Stonehaven Steadings	Stonehaven Steadings
1028	C	Distorted Humor-Key Component	\$100,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Cove Bloodstock	James B. Keogh
1058	C	Candy Ride (Arg)-Majestic Bonnie	\$140,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Suszie Q Bloodstock	Paramount Sales
1066	C	Connect-Meg Giry	\$150,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Wizard Bloodstock	Dromoland Farm
1096	C	Uncle Mo-No Lip Service	\$90,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Dennis O'Neill	Kingswood Farm
1117	F	Tiznow-Por Favor	\$52,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Forever Spring Farm	Ballysax Bloodstock
1130	F	Munnings-Quiero Ganar	\$80,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Suszie Q Bloodstock	Blandford Stud
1135	F	Constitution-Red White and Blu	\$145,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	John Cummins	Taylor Made Sales
1137	C	Street Sense-Rigorously	\$220,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Stonehaven Steadings	Stonehaven Steadings
1155	F	Street Sense-Serious Heat	\$90,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Haymarket Farm	Vinery Sales

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Prev Sale</u>	<u>Buyer/Agent</u>	<u>Current Consignor</u>
1158	F	Astern (Aus)-Shanghai Beauty	\$29,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Spin to Win Stables	Taylor Made Sales
1160	F	Mastery-Sheba's Humor	\$110,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Two Rings Bloodstock	Dromoland Farm
1161	F	Constitution-Shocking Behavior	\$150,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Patrice Miller/EQB	Bluegrass T'bred Services
1169	C	Dark Angel (Ire)-Sleeping Beauty (Ire)	\$144,018	GOFF NOV FOAL SALE	McMahon & Hill Bloodstock	Hidden Brook
1171	F	Exaggerator-Sluice	\$125,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Lincoln Bloodstock	Taylor Made Sales
1177	C	Caravaggio-Spindrift	\$132,735	ARQDEC BRG STK 2019	Magnolia Bloodstock	Paramount Sales
1178	C	Constitution-Spinning Time	\$80,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	New Start Racing	Warrendale Sales
1185	C	Munnings-Stormy Play	\$69,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Calvin Nguyen & Meah/Lloyd B'stock	Ballysax Bloodstock
1195	C	Mohaymen-Super Phoebe	\$145,000	FTK FALL MIX 2019	Redly Bloodstock	Paramount Sales
1196	C	Air Force Blue-Sure Route (GB)	\$80,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Ballygriffin Bloodstock	Four Star Sales

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"Scott Robinson and Sarah Izhaki represent the supply side of a market of greed that continues to endanger racehorses through the sale of performance-enhancing drugs," said Audrey Strauss, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. "Each of these defendants provided the raw materials for fraud and animal abuse through the sale of unregulated and dangerous substances: Robinson's products were manufactured in shoddy facilities with no professional oversight of their composition; Izhaki's products were smuggled into the country and sold from cars in supermarket parking lots. These convictions show that our office and our partners at the FBI are committed to the prosecution and investigation of corruption, fraud, and endangerment in the horse racing industry."



Sarah Andrew

According to the Indictments, from at least in or about 2011 through at least in or about March, 2020, Robinson conspired with others to manufacture, sell, and ship millions of dollars' worth of adulterated and misbranded equine drugs, including performance-enhancing drugs intended to be administered to racehorses for the purpose of improving those horses' race performance in order to win races and obtain prize money. Robinson sold these drugs through several direct-to-consumer websites designed to appeal to racehorse trainers and owners, including, among others, "horseprerace.com."

Robinson contributed to the conspiracy by, among other things, sourcing chemicals used to create custom PEDs that were advertised and sold; falsely labeling, packaging, and shipping those PEDs to customers across the country, including in the Southern District of New York; and collecting, reporting, and responding to employee and customer complaints regarding the misbranded and adulterated products advertised and sold online. Among the drugs advertised and sold during the course of the conspiracy were "blood builders," which are used by

racehorse trainers and others to increase red blood cell counts and/or the oxygenation of muscle tissue of a racehorse in order to stimulate the horse's endurance, which enhances that horse's performance in, and recovery from, a race, as well as customized analgesics which are used by racehorse trainers and others to deaden a horse's nerves and block pain in order to improve a horse's race performance. The drugs distributed through the defendants' websites were manufactured in non-FDA registered facilities and carried significant risks to the animals affected through the administration of those illicit PEDs.

For example, in 2016, Robinson received a complaint regarding the effect of his unregulated drugs on a customer's horse: "starting bout 8 hours after I give the injection and for about 36 hours afterwards both my horses act like they are heavily sedated, can barely walk. Could I have a bad bottle of medicine, I'm afraid to give it anymore since this has happened three times." Commenting on this complaint, Robinson wrote simply, "here is another one."

In a separate conspiracy, from at least in or about February, 2018, through at least in or about November, 2019, Izhaki conspired with others to transport, sell, and deliver, tens of thousands of dollars of erythropoietin, a "blood builder" drug intended to increase a horse's racing performance, which had been smuggled into the country from Mexico. This drug was covertly transported into the U.S. and sold by Izhaki, who believed it would be used by racehorse trainers to illicitly improve their horses' race performance. Izhaki also offered for sale amphetamines, and a substance that Izhaki referred to as "the Devil," which Izhaki claimed would mask the presence of potent drugs in a human or animal's body.

The defendants are among 27 individuals charged in a series of Indictments arising from an investigation of a widespread scheme by racehorse trainers, veterinarians, PED distributors, and others to manufacture, distribute, and receive adulterated and misbranded PEDs and to secretly administer those PEDs to racehorses competing at all levels of professional horse racing. By evading PED prohibitions and deceiving regulators and horse racing officials, participants in these schemes sought to improve race performance and obtain prize money from racetracks, all to the detriment and risk of the health and well-being of the racehorses.

Robinson, 46, of Tampa, FL, and Izhaki, 45, of Manalapan, NJ, each pled guilty to one count of conspiring to unlawfully introduce and receive with the intent to redistribute for pay or otherwise adulterated and misbranded drugs in interstate commerce, and to misbrand drugs in interstate commerce. This offense carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Any sentencing of the defendants will be determined by the judge.

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Strauss praised the outstanding investigative work of the FBI New York Office's Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force and its support of the Bureau's Integrity in Sports and Gaming Initiative. Strauss also thanked the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the New York State Police, and the New York City Police Department for their support of this investigation, and the Food and Drug Administration and Drug Enforcement Administration for their assistance and expertise.

This case is being handled by the Office's Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Sarah Mortazavi, Benet J. Kearney, and Andrew C. Adams are in charge of the prosecution.

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NEW JERSEY ENACTS NATION'S MOST STRINGENT WHIPPING BAN



Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

Starting at next year's Monmouth Park meet, whipping a Thoroughbred will not be allowed by any New Jersey jockey or exercise rider except for the express purpose of ensuring the immediate safety of the horse or rider.

Spanning three new rules covering prohibition, allowable usage for safety, and whip construction, the trio of regulations were voted in 4-0 by the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) at its Sept. 16 meeting, making the state the first in the nation to ban whipping beyond protection in an emergency situation.

If a jockey or exercise rider uses the riding crop in a manner contrary to the new rules, he or she will be subject to a fine, suspension, or forfeiture of the jockey's share of the purse "if, in the opinion of the stewards, the unauthorized use of the whip caused the horse to achieve a better placing," the new rules state.

Judith Nason, the NJRC's executive director, said the new regulations could be approved by the state office of administrative law in time to go into effect at the tail end of this autumn's Meadowlands-at-Monmouth meet.

But after fielding a question about timing from Dennis Drazin, the chairman and chief executive of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth, Nason said the commission is open to waiting until 2021 to begin enforcement in Thoroughbred races (the rule also covers Standardbred racing).

"That would give us a chance to meet with the jockeys and educate the jockeys regarding the new rule," Nason said.

If a rider does use the whip on a horse, the rules state that the strike shall not be "in a manner that causes any visible sign, mark, welt, or break in the skin of the horse, or that is otherwise excessive."

The rules continue: "If the riding crop is used, under the supervision of the stewards, there shall be a visual inspection of each horse following each race for evidence of excessive or brutal use of the riding crop."

The whips must be "soft-padded [and] have a shaft and a soft tube" that does not exceed eight ounces in weight or 30 inches in length, with a minimum shaft diameter of three-eighths of one inch.

"The shaft, beyond the grip, must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one millimeter throughout its circumference," the regulations state.

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SWISS SKYDIVER POSSIBLE FOR PREAKNESS

GI Alabama S. winner **Swiss Skydiver** (Daredevil) remains possible to contest the GI Preakness S. at Pimlico Oct. 3.

"It's going to depend on who shows up," said trainer Ken McPeck. "We are also nominating her to the [GI] Spinster [Oct. 4] and she's been invited to the [GI] QEII [Oct. 10]. We're shopping it, that's all. We have three good choices. My strong preference would have been a 3-year-old filly Grade I [on dirt], but there isn't one out there."

Both alternatives to the Preakness, the nine-furlong Spinster for fillies and mares 3-year-olds and up, and Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, a 1 1/8-mile turf stakes for 3-year-old fillies, will be contested at Keeneland.

Campaigned by Peter Callahan, the chestnut finished second behind Art Collector (Bernardini) in the July 11 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. Swiss Skydiver also captured the Aug. 21 Alabama at Saratoga and finished second in the Sept. 4 GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

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“She’s likes to run, work,” said McPeek. She acts like she wants to do more. She never misses an oat. If she had backed out of the feed tub at any time, we would have spread her races, but she hasn’t done it,” McPeek said. “As long as she’s telling us she wants to do something, we’re going to consider it.”



Swiss Skydiver | Ryan Thompson

McPeek indicated that a run in the Preakness would be more likely if Tiz the Law (Constitution), the GI Belmont S. winner who finished second behind Authentic (Into Mischief) in the Kentucky Derby, should skip this year’s third leg of the Triple Crown.

“We know the two toughies will be Art Collector and Authentic,” he said. “They’re both nice horses. We’re just waiting to see who else is going, Right now, we’re undecided. We’re doing the research.”

Swiss Skydiver won the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GIII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn and GII Santa Anita Oaks earlier this season.

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WITH HAZARDS HAVING ABATED, GOLDEN GATE RETURNS THURSDAY

by Bill Finley

While racing this week at Santa Anita has been canceled due to the fires that are ravaging the West, its sister track, Golden Gate Fields, will be back in business starting Thursday. Golden Gate Vice President and General Manager David Duggan said the area surrounding the track has undergone a dramatic transformation, with clear blue skies having replaced the orange glow that had surrounded the Bay Area earlier.

Golden Gate was forced to cancel its three weekend cards last week and as not raced since Sept. 7.

“Last Thursday, you couldn’t make it up. It was truly bizarre,” he said. “At 9:30 in the morning we had lights on on the track because you could not see in front of you. Visibility was down to

about 10 meters.”

Duggan said that as recently as Sunday he was still convinced that racing would not be held at Golden Gate this week, but then came an abrupt change.

“You would not believe the change,” he said. “I promise you, you would not believe the change. It is absolutely beautiful here with an air quality reading of 20. It was just extraordinary. I’ve never seen anything like it. It’s clear and the visibility is great. You can see the city, you can see the Golden Gate Bridge. There’s no hint of smoke in the air whatsoever. It’s as if nothing had ever happened.

“It was frighteningly bad. We lost Friday, Saturday and Sunday and had to interrupt training. Everything that could go wrong with the air quality and the prevailing conditions went wrong. Today, if you were dropped into the place from the sky you’d say ‘Why were you guys making such a big deal about this?’”

Duggan said when the effects of the fires were at their worst the Air Quality Index was about 292.

“It was extremely unhealthy around here for a while,” he said.

An AQI of 20 means the air is satisfactory and air pollution poses little or no risk.

Duggan said the change was likely the result of shifting wind patterns.

“The winds that came just blew everything away and we’re back to being a beautiful bayside racetrack,” he said.

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MONMOUTH SEEKS NEW PARTNER TO KEEP EXCHANGE WAGERING ALIVE IN NEW JERSEY

by T.D. Thornton

In the wake of last week’s news that Betfair intends to pull the plug on its exchange wagering platform in New Jersey on Oct. 1, Dennis Drazin, the chairman and chief executive of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth Park, told the New Jersey Racing Commission Sept. 16 that his track is actively seeking another partner to continue the bettor-versus-bettor style of wager-matching that is popular in other parts of the world but hasn’t quite caught on in America.

“Although they want out of business, we do not,” Drazin said. “They are winding down their operation, but we intend to look for a new service provider to continue, at some point, the exchange wagering in New Jersey. We do understand that if we’re going to apply for a license, we’d have to do so by Oct. 15.

“I think the failure of exchange wagering from their perspective was that major jurisdictions would not give us access to their signal,” Drazin said. **Cont. p18**

"They couldn't get New York. They couldn't get California. They couldn't get Kentucky. They couldn't get Florida. So you had wagering on--and I wouldn't want to offend anybody--a lot of tracks that were not the 'A list.'"

Drazin continued: "They also told us...at the current time that there were only 136 active users on the exchange, and they felt that their revenues could be better dedicated to improving 4NJBets [account wagering]. This kind of caught me by surprise in terms of timing when they said they wanted to wind down.



Sarah Andrew

"I've had some preliminary conversations with others that have expressed interest. It's very popular in Europe. It's popular in Australia. I think that there is a [situation] that a lot of people would like to bet on the major tracks. And perhaps, if we get to a point where TVG--and I know they're working on it--talks about fixed-odds wagering, there is an avenue to have fixed-odds wagering and exchange wagering that gets more widely adopted throughout the country.

"So I think that the commission did a great job in approving exchange wagering and is willing to be a leader in making us the first in this country," Drazin summed up. "And I think that we shouldn't give up on it. If we can find another partner that's willing to invest the time, energy and money to continue this, we will do so."

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ILLINOIS GRANTS 2021 DATES AMID DISTRUST FOR ARLINGTON'S CORPORATE OWNERSHIP



Arlington Park | Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

Citing distrust in Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), the gaming corporation that owns Arlington International Racecourse, the leadership of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) on Sept. 16 asked the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) to impose a condition on 2021 race dates that would withhold millions of dollars in purse fund "recapture" money from the track if it did not end up racing its applied-for 68 days next year.

The IRB, which was meeting with three newly appointed commissioners for the first time on Wednesday, probed Arlington president Tony Petrillo about CDI's intentions for racing in suburban Chicago in 2021 and beyond.

Board members specifically wanted clarification on earnings-call comments made July 30 by Bill Carstanjen, the chief executive officer of CDI, that said the corporation will honor its 2021 race meet contract with the ITHA "if we elect to do so" and that the Arlington property "will have a higher and better purpose for something else at some point."

But after the IRB received advice from its attorney that statutory provisions covering recapture don't allow the attachment of such a stipulation to dates orders, board members voted 6-0 to grant Arlington's schedule with no strings attached.

The IRB also unanimously approved 2021 racing at Hawthorne Racecourse for 50 dates. Since 2016, the two Chicago-area tracks, Arlington and Hawthorne, have presented a unified race dates and dark-day host status template for the IRB's approval.

Fairmount Park, which is 350 miles south and not considered part of the Chicago circuit, got its requested 53 dates. **Cont. p19**

Prior to the ITHA's request for the recapture provision, Petrillo told the IRB that Arlington anticipates "running eight races per day during those 68 days and being able to offer a purse structure that will allow us to attract a sufficient horse population to fill those races, as well as conducting a stakes schedule that is necessary to support a long race meet over five months over the most competitive time of the year."

John Walsh, Hawthorne's assistant general manager, said the 10-month Chicago circuit arrangement "is good for the industry. The horsemen will have a place to be, and they'll have something to look forward to in 2022 as we hopefully finish our casino sometime toward the end of next year."

But despite the news of apparent accord, ITHA representatives made it clear the horse community didn't have 100% faith that CDI would follow through on its contracted commitment to 2021 racing.

ITHA executives cited last year's stunning decision by CDI to intentionally miss a deadline to apply for newly legalized racino licensure that would have bolstered purses at the track, plus an acrimonious eight-month battle with Arlington over recently inked contracts for 2020 and 2021.

"[Arlington saying] that they're going to run in 2021 after the difficult time with the contract we had this year, that's purposeful. It's meaningful. We're grateful for that," said ITHA president Michael Campbell. "However, Arlington is the organizational licensee. CDI is not. And CDI will do whatever is in their best interest to fulfill their [corporate] fiduciary responsibility. And that's a problem for us given [the disconnection] that we are greatly concerned about. We cannot go through another year as horsemen [with] even the possibility that there's going to be some disruption or the cancellation of the racing season."

David McCaffrey, the ITHA's executive director, then made the request for the recapture provision.

"It's not meant to be antagonistic or provocative in any way. And there really shouldn't be any resistance, in my judgment, on Arlington's part if their intention is to truly race," McCaffrey said. "Because if they race, this would be meaningless. [It] would at least give some surety to the horsemen. Or, if for some reason, the meet doesn't happen, at least it preserves the \$4.5 million in recapture that would be taken out of the purse account."

IRB chairman Daniel Beiser asked Petrillo to clarify CDI's intentions for 2021 and beyond. But the Arlington president's drawn-out reply was vague and laden with corporate-speak.

"Although 2022 will be here before we know it, there is some time needed to sort this out," Petrillo said, in part. "And I know that these conversations have come up daily within the confines of the strategic team at Churchill Downs. And I know that they

are working on some solutions. What they are at this time I don't think that anybody could comment on publicly on that right now. But we...do feel our responsibility to the industry as well as the community. And we intend to fulfill that in 2021, and beyond that when the opportunity does exist."

Beiser, after considering the ITHA's request to use recapture payments as a cudgel for compliance, asked if Petrillo could provide written clarification from CDI regarding the gaming corporation's intentions for Arlington.

Petrillo replied that the IRB would get that written assurance in the form of a signed dates acceptance letter that licensees are required to submit to the commission after getting dates orders. He bristled at the proposed "unprecedented conditions" over recapture that "might cause a flurry of legal matters to arise."

Petrillo continued: "I think we're opening up a can of issues that then also impede upon the agreement that we have with the horsemen's association. Again, I just want to reiterate that it is our intent to race in 2021. When that acceptance is signed, that's written in stone. If we do not comply, the IRB has a number of mechanisms to try and enforce that acceptance or penalize Arlington if there's a failure to fulfill those commitments."

Beiser again told Petrillo he'd prefer a separate form of written commitment. The IRB then recessed and voted upon the slate of dates after hearing advice from the board's attorney. It was noted that while the IRB doesn't have the authority to attach the recapture stipulations to the dates order, it does have the power to set the recapture payment schedule, and board could consider that when it certifies recapture payment amounts in January. But that would be nearly four months before the track even opens for racing.

Next year will see the return of a spring Thoroughbred meet at Hawthorne (Mar. 6-Apr. 25), which had been cancelled this season to allow for racino construction at the property.

Arlington's dates will span Apr. 30-Sept. 25.

Hawthorne races again in the autumn, Oct. 1-Dec. 26.

Fairmount races Apr. 27-Sept. 6.

The actual race dates were awarded in blocks. The days cited above account for the dark days at the beginnings and ends of meets that were indicated in each track's application.

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KEENELAND SALES DIRECTOR GEOFFREY RUSSELL JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM



The world-renowned Keeneland September Sale has been a long time coming this year. With the coronavirus pandemic canceling and postponing much of the sales season, all eyes are on Lexington this week as Keeneland hosts its first live in-person auction since COVID-19 first hit American shores. Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell joined the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland Wednesday as the **Green Group Guest of the Week** to discuss the obstacles faced by the company in conducting the sale and his early impressions of the trading.

"We've been fortunate that we are pretty much the only sales company in the world that has conducted the sale on the calendar that we set in January, which we actually find quite amazing," Russell said. "We've been planning for it since we went into lockdown Mar. 16 and each plan changed monthly. We didn't know what we were allowed to do, what we weren't allowed to do. At one stage, we were told we couldn't use the sales pavilion. Now we're allowed to use it at 40%. It has been a moving target all the way along. We joked back in the early part of the pandemic, our internal Zoom calls were called the 'what if?' meetings. What if this happens, what if that happens, what can we do here?"

The sale has gone off without a hitch through the first several hundred hips, however, and considering the circumstances, results have been robust, with 14 seven-figure horses changing hands in the first two days.

"The top of the market has been very strong," Russell said. "We've had 14 individual horses bring in excess of \$1 million and, most interestingly, to 13 different buyers. So the buying group has spread out a bit and the numbers at the top end are staying the same."

Keeneland has been proactive about instating strict COVID-19 protocols for both its sales and racing seasons, which Russell admits has gotten some mixed responses but says is necessary to get through this extraordinarily busy couple of months for the

company and the business as a whole.

"COVID has been a very polarizing situation, but we are very concerned about this time of year," he said. "We have September, we have our October race meet, we have the Breeders' Cup in November and we have our November Breeding Stock Sale. It's a very important three months for us and for the Thoroughbred industry. We wanted to make sure that we could conduct all of those and we work very diligently with our state government and local health departments. We have pushback from several people about masks, about the fact that we ask for testing on our consignors. But when you explain to them why we want it, for the safety of everybody, everybody understands it. While they're not happy about it, they're at least fulfilling our requests."

Elsewhere on the show, in the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, the writers lamented the fall of the Betfair exchange in America and analyze why it didn't work out. Plus, they discuss the scary situation of wildfires raging near Santa Anita, react to the announcement of no fans being allowed at the Breeders' Cup and pay tribute to the late Pat Smullen. [Click here to watch the podcast, click here for the audio-only version.](#)

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Wednesday, Kentucky Downs

FRANKLIN-SIMPSON S.-GIII, \$343,875, Kentucky Downs, 9-16, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.87, fm.

1--**GUILDSMAN (FR)**, 118, g, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

1st Dam: **Dardiza (Ire)**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Darkara (Ire)**, by **Halling**

3rd Dam: **Daralbayda (Ire)**, by **Doyoun (Ire)**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (€67,000 Ylg '18 AROYRG; €125,000 2yo '19 ARQMA; 160,000gns RNA 2yo '19 TATAHI). O-Qatar Racing; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (FR); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$144,150. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 11-3-1-3, \$254,638. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Island Commish**, 124, c, 3, Commissioner--Bide a Wee Island, by Sligo Bay (Ire). (\$20,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$32,000 Ylg '18 KESEPE). O-Matthew Schera; B-Julia B. Rice (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$93,000.

3--**Souper Dormy**, 118, c, 3, Into Mischief--Truly Blushed, by Yes It's True. (\$400,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG). O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Newtownanner Stud (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$46,500. Margins: NK, NK, 3. Odds: 9.90, 21.90, 47.00.

Also Ran: Flap Jack, Turned Aside, Old Chestnut, Another Miracle, Johnny Unleashed, Fore Left, Embolden, Maven, Competitive Saint. Scratched: Kimari, Mishko, Olson, Race Driver. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Guildsman rallied into a quick pace and got up late to score his second straight stakes victory and first graded triumph in Thursday's closing-day GIII Nevada State Bank Franklin-Simpson S. at Kentucky Downs.

Debuting with a six-length success last June at Goodwood, the gelding was third in the G3 Coventry S. 11 days later at Royal Ascot and fourth in the G2 Tattersalls July S. at Newmarket. Last but not one in the G2 Qatar Richmond S. back at Goodwood, he rebounded with a second in the G3 Round Tower S. at The Curragh before closing his European career with a fifth in the Listed Prix Saraca at Maisons-Laffitte. Unable to find the mark in his first three North American starts, he finished full of run to take the Tom Ridge S. by three lengths last out Aug. 10 at Presque Isle.

Knocked down to below half of his 20-1 morning-line quote here, the bay was away at the back of the 12-horse pack before moving up several spots to sit in ninth behind a sharp :21.47 quarter. Gradually angling six wide by the time heads pointed for home, Guildsman charged into contention passing the three-sixteenths marker and overhauled fellow longshot Island Commish in deep stretch to prevail. Souper Dormy, the biggest price in the field, was a close third to further spice up mutuels.

The victory wrapped up a jockey's title at the meet for Tyler Gaffalione, who commented, "That was nice. It was a great

meet. My agent has done an incredible job preparing for this meet. I'm so thrilled for Brendan [Walsh]. He's been helping me for a long time. We've been trying to hook up with this colt. The distance was key today, just a little extra ground. He kept coming and really proved his stuff today. It was a great race all around." **Cont. p22**



Guildsman | Coady Photography

NTRA VOTES TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THE HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY ACT OF 2020; BILL MOVES IN HOUSE

The Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) recently voted to support passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (HISA). The action was taken at a special meeting of the Board of the Directors.

The HISA will improve the integrity and safety of Thoroughbred racing by requiring uniform safety and performance standards, including an anti-doping and medication control program and a racetrack safety program to be developed and enforced by an independent Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority.

"We thank Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for his willingness and unique ability to bring the industry to the table to craft this comprehensive legislation," said Alex Waldrop, President and Chief Executive Officer of

the NTRA. "We also applaud Congressmen Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Andy Barr (R-KY) and Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) for their pioneering efforts in support of federal anti-doping and medication control standards in the form of the Horseracing Integrity Act, which served as the basis for this historic compromise. We are committed to working with Leader McConnell, Sen. Gillibrand, Sen. Feinstein, Rep. Tonko, Rep. Barr and other allies in Congress to pass this important legislation before the end of this year."

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has favorably reported HISA to the full House by a vote of 46-5, setting the bill up for expedited action by the full House. The NTRA will provide regular updates on the bill's status in both the House and the Senate.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



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Pedigree Notes:

Guildsman, one of 15 stakes winners for Wootton Bassett--who went five-for-five as a juvenile in 2010 including a victory in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagadere--becomes his eighth graded/group stakes winner and first in North America. Wootton Bassett was **bought last month** from Haras d'Etream by Coolmore to stand in Ireland for 2021. Guildsman shares a second dam, SW Darkara, with MG1SW Almanzor (Fr), who is one of two top-level scorers thus far for Wootton Bassett alongside this summer's G1 Prix Jean Romanet victress Audarya (Fr). This is also the female family of champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar). The first foal out of his dam, Guildsman is followed by a Zoustar (Aus) filly of this season.

NOREVALE FARM LAUNCHED IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Leo and Sarah Dooley | *Courtesy Leo and Sarah Dooley*

Leo and Sarah Dooley announced Wednesday the opening of Norevale Farm, a new boarding, quarantine, and sales prep operation located on Hume Bedford Pike near Paris, Ky. The 110-acre farm will focus on small scale, quality horsemanship and offer both year-round and seasonal boarding for mares, foals, yearlings, and layups; foaling and breeding; quarantine after all major sales; and sales prep.

"'Going out on our own', as they say, has always been our goal--both individually and as a couple," said the Dooleys in a joint statement. "We're really proud of the prep work we have put into this decision and what we can offer clients as a team. The farm is looking great and we couldn't be more excited to be up and running."

Leo Dooley graduated from University College of Dublin with an Equine Science degree and has previously been associated with Jim Bolger's racing stables, Ballylinch Stud, Dromoland Farm, Ecurie des Monceaux, Hunter Valley Farm, and Indian Creek Farm.

Sarah, a graduate of the Irish National Stud course and the Godolphin Flying Start course, has previously been with Bluewater Sales, Hunter Valley Farm, Lane's End Farm, and Marula Park Stud.

The Norevale property is located near Marula Park Stud, which is owned by Sarah's parents, Tony and Susan Holmes.

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TAA OFFICIAL AFTERCARE PARTNER OF 2020 BREEDERS' CUP

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The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), an official charity of the Breeders' Cup, has been named the official aftercare partner of the 2020 Breeders' Cup World Championships, to be held at Keeneland Nov. 6-7. The TAA is asking connections of Breeders' Cup runners to pledge a percentage of their championship day earnings to the TAA, which awards annual grants to accredited non-profit Thoroughbred aftercare organizations to retire, retrain, and rehome Thoroughbreds.

"It is our privilege to see Thoroughbreds at their finest moments in the Breeders' Cup World Championships and it is this industry's collective responsibility to see to their aftercare when the celebrations are over," said Dora Delgado, TAA board member and executive vice president and chief racing officer at Breeders' Cup. "As a proud founding member and supporter of the TAA's mission and vision, we partner with them in their work and dedication to Thoroughbred aftercare."

During Breeders' Cup weekend, the TAA will present the GII Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance S., which was formerly the Marathon S. The TAA also has partnered with TVG to be a part of the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

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Since 2012, the TAA has granted more than \$17.2 million to accredited aftercare organizations. There are currently 74 aftercare organizations holding TAA accreditation.

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GISW VODOO SONG RETIRED



Voodoo Song (center) besting 2019 Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar (inside) and Grade I winner Yoshida in the 2018 GI Fourstardave S. | Sarah Andrew

Sheryl and Barry Schwartz’s **Voodoo Song** (English Channel--Mystic Chant, by Unbridled’s Song) has been retired from racing. Bred by Stonewall Farm, the six-year-old stallion prospect, who recorded his most important career victory for trainer Linda Rice in Saratoga’s 2018 GI Fourstardave H., retires with eight career wins and lifetime earnings of \$954,350.

“I love frontrunning grass horses ... everyone takes back in grass races,” said Barry Schwartz. “It’s been the nature of grass racing and the world forever. I love those horses that go to the front and keep running. You breed a lot of horses, and with each crop you hope you have a good one. It’s not that you’re surprised to get a good one. You’re thrilled that he’s grown into the kind of horse you can get excited about.”

During his sophomore season, the New York-bred defeated eventual 2019 Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar in the GIII Saranac S. and was runner up in the GIII Commonwealth Derby at Laurel.

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OLD FRIENDS WELCOMES LNJ BLUEBLOODED MARES



Gold Round (Left) & Mystery Trip at Old Friends | Laura Battles

Group winner Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon--Born Gold, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), a half-sister to three-time GI Breeders’ Cup Mile heroine Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), and Mystery Trip (Belong to Me--Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat), a half-sister to Classic winners A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) and Summer Squall (Storm Bird), have been retired to Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement facility based in Georgetown, KY.

Represented by Alex Solis II and Jason Litt of Solis/Litt Bloodstock, the Roth family--Larry, Nanci, and Jaime--the owners of LNJ Foxwoods, approached Old Friends about securing aftercare options for several broodmares. LNJ has donated the construction of a new paddock as well as stipend for the mares to the non-profit organization, and, in the coming months, will also retire Hi Dubai (GB) (Rahy--Jood, by Nijinsky II), a stakes-winning sister to champion Fantastic Light.

“Responsible ownership is the cornerstone of the LNJ operation,” said LNJ’s Jaime Roth. “Over a year ago, my family met with Michael Blowen with the idea of creating our own paddock for retired LNJ broodmares to peacefully live out the end of their lives. To now see that concept come to fruition is pretty awesome. Knowing that Gold Round, Mystery Trip, and future LNJ broodmares will be celebrated by visitors while having a retirement haven is invaluable to my family.”

Bred in Ireland by Wertheimer Et Frere, the 23-year-old mare is a half-sister to 14-time Group 1 winner Goldikova. During her racing campaign in France for two seasons, she captured the 2000 G3 Prix Cleopatre at Saint Cloud and the 1999 Prix des Sablonnets at Nantes. Gold Round was bought by Solis/Litt Bloodstock for LNJ in the 2012 Arqana Breeding Stock sale.

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Since her purchase, the mare has produced six fillies for the Roth family including Grade III winner Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and stakes-placed Golden Attitude (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Golden Box (Kitten's Joy).

An unraced 16-year old, Mystery Trip was bred by the Farish Family and Kilroy Thoroughbreds. She is the last foal out of the bluehen mare. In 2016, Mystery Trip was purchased by Solis/Litt Bloodstock for LNJ at the Keeneland November sale.

"We are always pleased to see such dedicated and responsible owners as the Roth family," said Old Friends founder and President Michael Blowen. "They are great role models for the industry. The mares are magnificently bred, very sweet, and will be a wonderful attraction for our visitors."

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***Guildsman (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) becomes his sire's first North American GSW at Kentucky Downs*

\$100K TRAINER BONUS RETURNS FOR PREAKNESS WEEKEND

For the fourth consecutive year, the Maryland Jockey Club is offering the \$100,000 Sentient Jet Trainer Bonus to horsemen that accumulate the most points during stakes races over GI Preakness S. weekend, Oct. 1-3 at Pimlico Race Course.

Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen captured the \$50,000 prize in both 2017 and 2018 but finished second to Brad Cox in 2019.

Led by the 145th running of the Preakness, presented this year as the final jewel in a refashioned Triple Crown and a "Win and You're In" qualifier for the Nov. 7 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, a total of 15 Thoroughbred stakes, nine graded, worth \$3.35 million will be contested over three days.

Trainers who run a minimum of five horses in the 15 stakes races during Preakness weekend will be eligible for bonus money, with \$50,000 going to the trainer with the most points, \$25,000 for second, \$12,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth, \$4,000 for fifth and \$2,000 for sixth.

Points are accumulated for finishing first (10 points), second (seven), third (five) and fourth (three) and by having a starter (one) in each of Pimlico's Thoroughbred stakes.

Included among the participating races: the GIII Chick Lang S. (Oct. 1); GIII Pimlico Special (Oct. 2); and in addition to the Preakness Oct. 3, races will included the GII Dinner Party S.,

Black-Eyed Susan S., GIII Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash, GIII Miss Preakness S. and GIII Gallorette S.

Nominations for all 15 Thoroughbred stakes close Thursday, Sept. 17. For the complete rundown of races, visit www.laurelpark.com.

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AMERICA'S DAY AT THE RACES RETURNS

THURSDAY

America's Day at the Races returns this week on FOX Sports and MSG Networks to provide coverage and analysis of racing from Belmont Park, Churchill Downs and Delaware Park, the New York Racing Association announced Wednesday.

After a summer hiatus, the show resumes Thursday with live racing from Churchill Downs and Delaware Park, before transitioning Friday--opening day of the 27-day Belmont Park fall meet--for complete coverage of this weekend's live racing from Belmont Park and Churchill Downs.

Produced by NYRA in partnership with FOX Sports, the acclaimed national telecast airs Thursday through Sunday on FOX Sports (FS1/FS2) and MSG+, beginning each day at 12:30 p.m., Eastern. With the addition of a show Wednesday, Sept. 23, America's Day at the Races will air live coverage of every race day this fall at both Belmont Park and Churchill Downs.

Featured this weekend will be stakes action from Belmont Park, starting on Friday with the inaugural running of the \$80,000 Miner's Mark S. for 3-year-olds and up going 1 1/2 miles on the dirt. Saturday's broadcast is highlighted by the first Grade I race of the Belmont fall meet, the \$250,000 Belmont Oaks Invitational for 3-year-old fillies going 1 1/4 miles on the turf.

America's Day at the Races is also broadcast on [NYRA's YouTube channel](#). For the complete America's Day at the Races broadcast schedule, and additional programming information, visit <https://www.nyra.com/belmont/racing/tv-schedule>.

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ASSINIBOIA MEET CONCLUDES ON A HIGH NOTE

Assiniboia Downs rounded out its 50-day race meet with total wagering of \$63,264,000, eclipsing last year's \$12,467,855 for the same number of days. The 2020 average was \$1.265 million per program. A new season wagering record was also set. The previous record was set in 1981 when \$53,394,913 was wagered during a 135-day race meet. Additionally, the final day of the meet Sept. 15 offered a double mandatory payout--headed by a carryover of \$202,319 for the Jackpot Pick 5 and \$81,338 for the Jackpot Hi 5.

The total wagering on the program was \$3,523,772, the track's second highest handle. **Cont. p25**

“The combination of the two pools far exceeded our expectations,” exclaimed Darren Dunn, CEO. “We were fortunate to have a strong program with full fields which set the stage for some big wagering.”

A 20-cent winning Pick 5 ticket paid \$1,563.75. A 20-cent winning Hi 5 ticket paid \$1,285.50.

Assiniboia Downs is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. for VLTs, dining and simulcasting.

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for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, September 15

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9	17	34	7	17	2	5	287	100	2,840,000	10,105,703
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Authentic	
2	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13	8	15	5	10	--	2	161	59	1,240,000	6,259,711
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Tacitus	
3	I'll Have Another (2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5	1	1	--	1	--	--	178	83	547,749	6,069,006
				Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000						Another Truth (JPN)	
4	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9	9	20	5	13	2	5	201	78	480,600	5,604,494
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000						Global Campaign	
5	Midnight Lute (2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 9	3	4	2	2	--	2	120	42	3,721,520	5,450,648
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000						Midnight Bisou	
6	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6	11	20	8	15	--	3	196	77	406,400	5,432,722
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000						Modernist	
7	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 13	5	8	3	5	1	3	134	57	566,674	4,868,600
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Matera Sky	
8	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7	9	14	5	6	--	2	192	79	570,000	4,735,233
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000						Warrior's Charge	
9	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled Crops: 14	1	3	--	1	--	--	180	64	287,979	4,482,904
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						History Maker (JPN)	
10	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 10	6	11	4	6	--	--	182	71	475,561	4,017,553
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000						Savvy (JPN)	
11	Mucho Macho Man (2008) by Macho Uno Crops: 3	2	3	1	1	1	1	60	24	3,162,000	4,004,893
				Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000						Mucho Gusto	
12	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 10	3	11	1	6	--	2	176	62	325,326	3,964,320
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						Touch of Luck (AUS)	
13	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Crops: 2	3	8	1	6	1	2	84	23	2,268,300	3,837,748
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Tiz the Law	
14	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 11	5	10	2	5	--	1	142	51	569,829	3,814,730
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						Art Collector	
15	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 7	8	12	3	7	--	2	151	53	365,835	3,433,117
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Dr Post	

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Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT

RICOH WOODBINE MILE S.-GI, C\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	March to the Arch	Arch	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Husbands	124
2	Armistice Day	Declaration of War	Lunsford, Bruce and Robbins, Lansdon B.	Minshall	Moran	122
3	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Kimura	120
4	Starship Jubilee	Indy Wind	Blue Heaven Farm	Attard	Stein	121
5	Olympic Runner	Gio Ponti	Gary Barber	Casse	Fukumoto	122
6	Admiralty Pier	English Channel	Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC and Lunsford, Bruce	Minshall	Bahen	123
7	Value Proposition (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Contreras	122
8	War of Will	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Hernandez	126

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-Glenvale Stud, 3-Charles Fipke, 4-William P. Sorren, 5-Eutrophia Farm LTD, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Meon Valley Stud, 8-Flaxman Holdings Limited

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 3:04 p.m. EDT

BELMONT OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Setting the Mood	Lea	Paul P. Pompa, Jr.	Pletcher	Saez	121
2	Magic Attitude (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Lael Stables	Delacour	Castellano	121
3	Key Biscayne	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Franco	121
4	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Naify, Marsha and De Seroux, Laura	Powell	Lezcano	121
5	Antoinette	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Velazquez	121

Breeders: 1-Curt Leake, 2-Katsumi Yoshida, 3-Arindel, 4-Ecurie du Sud, 5-Godolphin

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:27 p.m. EDT

SINGSPIEL S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Say the Word	More Than Ready	Sam-Son Farm	Cox	Wilson	121
2	Sir Sahib	Fort Larned	Stronach Stables	Attard	Fukumoto	121
3	Admiralty Pier	English Channel	Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC and Lunsford, Bruce	Minshall	Moran	122
4	Standard Deviation	Curlin	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani	Motion	Stein	121
5	Skywire	Afleet Alex	Barber, Gary and Tucci, Lucio	Casse	Hernandez	123
6	Woodbridge	Langfuhr	The Estate of Gustav Schickedanz and Howard, Donald	Keogh	Civaci	121
7	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Attfield	Bahen	125
8	Count Again	Awesome Again	Sam-Son Farm	Cox	Contreras	121
9	Nakamura	Animal Kingdom	Staghawk Stables	Motion	Kimura	121
10	Jungle Fighter	Animal Kingdom	Stronach Stables	Doyle	Husbands	121

Breeders: 1-Sam-Son Farm, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-William D. Graham, 6-Gustav Schickedanz, 7-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 8-Sam-Son Farm, 9-The Elkstone Group LLC, 10-Adena Springs

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:29 p.m. EDT

SUMMER S.-GI, C\$250,000, 2yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Download	Society's Chairman	Zilli Racing Stables, Le Amici Racing Stable, Samotowka Stables and De Paulo, Michael P.	De Paulo	Fukumoto	122
2	Secret Potion 🌿	Into Mischief	Brant, Peter M., LaPenta, Robert V. and Woodford Racing, LLC	Brown	Hernandez	122
3	Ready to Repeat 🌿	More Than Ready	Cox, Gail, Menary, John, Ambler, Michael James and Windways Farm	Cox	Contreras	122
4	Gretzky the Great	Nyquist	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Barber, Gary	Casse	Kimura	122
5	American Monarch	American Pharoah	Mike G. Rutherford	Mott	Stein	122
6	Heat of the Night 🌿	Summer Front	Fielding, John, Hertich, III, Fred and Blazing Meadows Farm LLC	Hamm	Wilson	122
7	Dolder Grand	Candy Ride (Arg)	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Husbands	122

Breeders: 1-Robert Marzilli, 2-Dixiana Farms LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 5-Mike G. Rutherford, 6-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 7-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT

NATALMA S.-GI, C\$250,000, 2yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Stunning Princess 🌿	Cairo Prince	R. A. Hill Stable and Jones, Brereton C.	Gargan	Kimura	121
2	Seasons	Tapit	LNJ Foxwoods and Phillips Racing Partnership	Toner	Contreras	121
3	Sleek Lynx (GB) 🌿	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Hernandez	121
4	Dreaming of Drew	Speightster	Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC	Minshall	Stein	121
5	Alda	Munnings	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Bahen	121
6	Lady Speightspeare	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Wilson	121
7	Big Big Plans 🌿	Point of Entry	Martha K. Gonzalez	Gonzalez	Munoz	121

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Phillips Racing Partnership, 3-Haras Don Alberto, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Wertheimer et Frere, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Sean Fitzhenry



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Kentucky Downs, \$98,750, Alw, 9-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.87, fm.

BORN GREAT (g, 4, **Scat Daddy--Funfair {SW}, by More Than Ready)**, looking for his second win at this meeting after graduating at this same distance as the favorite last Wednesday Sept. 9, raced in midpack while saving ground throughout. The 3-1 chance hit the gas inside the quarter pole with an impressive burst to win going away by 5 3/4 lengths over Cable Channel (English Channel). Born Great, a \$260,000 KEENOV weanling and \$275,000 RNA as a KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Four Wheel Drive (American Pharoah), MGSW, \$693,385. After producing a filly by American Pharoah, Funfair was bred back to Justify for 2021. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$118,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Marc Detampel; B-Glenvale Stud (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Kentucky Downs, \$93,750, Msw, 9-16, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:16.33, fm.
NEXT (c, 2, **Not This Time--Bahia Beach {MSP, \$141,104}, by Awesome Again)**, sixth on debut as the chalk going 4 1/2 furlongs over the Woodbine all-weather June 14, was removing blinkers here for this grass debut. The 3-1 chance raced in second in the early stages, set his sights on the leader at the top of the stretch and outbattled Rockstar Ro (Gemologist) down the lane to secure a 3/4-of-a-length victory. Next is the 10th winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$54,294. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Silverton Hill, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



Scat Daddy's Born Great records his second win at the Kentucky Downs meeting in style | Coady

1st-Kentucky Downs, \$93,000, Msw, 9-16, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.01, fm.

SPYGLASS (c, 2, Tapit--Lady Bingo {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling, showed early speed and faded to eighth in his debut sprinting on the Ellis dirt Aug. 30. Making his grass debut here, Spyglass vied for early command heading up the hill and braced for challenges from both sides as they hit the quarter pole. The 5-1 chance kept on finding in the stretch, however, and outslugged Conquest Rainycity (Kitten's Joy) to the wire for a head decision. Lady Bingo, a daughter of GISW Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band), is also represented by a War Front filly of 2019 and a Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt of this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$54,327. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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3rd-Kentucky Downs, \$88,890, Msw, 9-16, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.41, fm.

SIR ROBERTO (c, 2, Temple City--Fashioned Lady, by Old Fashioned) veered in at the break from his rail draw and was outsprinted early in 10th as favored Tiz Splendid News (Maclean's Music) sped through an opening quarter in :22.56. The 14-1 shot began to wind up with a half-mile remaining with a wide, sweeping move. He kept on rolling on the outside down the stretch, and, after exchanging bumps with the aforementioned pacesetter, got his nose down on the line first. A claim of foul by Irad Ortiz, Jr. aboard the runner-up alleging interference in the stretch was disallowed. Fashioned Lady, also responsible for a Fast Anna filly of 2019, was bred to Enticed for 2021. Sales history: \$72,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert Liedel; B-R Cher Family Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

Webster Training Center  Broken & Trained

8th-Parx Racing, \$50,600, Msw, 9-16, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.28, ft. MARRIEDINSHANGHAI (c, 2, Shanghai Bobby--Bellflower {SP}, by Cherokee Run), off at odds of 6-1 for this debut run, jumped well and vied for early command from second. He poked his head in front approaching the five-sixteenths pole and opened daylight from there while hanging on his left lead down the stretch, drawing off to graduate by 9 3/4 lengths. Doctor Doom (Hit It a Bomb) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Jumpmaster (Jump Start), SP, \$206,196. Bellflower is also

represented by a yearling colt by Lookin At Lucky. She was bred to Munnings for 2021. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$10,000
44 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Arlington, Msw 1mT, DELFT BLUE, 8-1

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
103 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, DECADE, 3-1
\$170,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, JEWEL AZUL, 20-1

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$20,000
124 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, BEL FIORE, 6-1
\$85,000 KEE SEP yrl
3-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5fT, EQUIVOCATOR, 6-1
\$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$8,000 EAS MAY 2yo
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, EXAGGERATEDINCOME, 30-1

Harry's Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), Southern Indiana Equine, \$3,000
21 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, GUNFIGHTERJUSTICE, 20-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

Hit It a Bomb (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
33 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Arlington, Msw 1mT, DEWY'S HIT, 6-1

Itsthesameoldsong (Unbridled's Song), Twin Lakes Equestrian Center, private
3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Thistledown, Msw 6f, SONGSTOPSHELF, 10-1

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000

88 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 1m, FRANZ JOSEF, 6-1
 \$47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
 111 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Arlington, Msw 5f, HIPPIE COWGIRL, 6-1
 \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl
 9-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, SUPER SPORT, 6-1
 \$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$240,000 KEE SEP yrl

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000
 94 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, SEEKING SECA, 10-1
 \$110,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 118 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, MALLOY, 12-1
 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$175,000 FTS AUG yrl

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000
 18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, AKTULGALI, 8-5

Slumber (GB) (Cacique {Ire}), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
 16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 1-Canterbury, Msw 1mT, BREXTON, 12-1
 \$1,000 KEE NOV wnl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, SPITZ, 15-1
 \$25,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$9,000 KEE SEP yrl

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000
 49 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Canterbury, Msw 1mT, TEXAS RULE, 10-1
 \$27,000 KEE SEP yrl

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 101 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, ON THE RISE, 10-1
 \$10,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 5-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 1m, SURLY FURIOUS, 6-1
 \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$7,500
 73 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 1m, DANCER'S REVENGE, 8-1
 \$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
 155 foals of racing age/52 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Canterbury, \$50K Shakopee Juvenile S., 6f, EDGE TO EDGE, 9-2
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Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
 141 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, ROCK N JUNE BUG, 15-1

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
 159 foals of racing age/34 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Arlington, Msw 5f, DARE TO HOPE, 15-1

Global Power (Pulpit), J.S.R. Equine Center, \$2,000
 11 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Thistledown, Msw 6f, PEANUT POWER, 8-1
 1-Thistledown, Msw 6f, TRIGGER POWER, 8-1

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 79 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Canterbury, \$50K Tom Metzen H. B. P. A. S., 6f, HONDO LANE, 10-1

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 153 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Arlington, Msw 5f, DEJOHN, 15-1

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 149 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Arlington, Msw 5f, CHARLIE'S PENNY, 9-2
 7-Arlington, Msw 1mT, Z U AT THE RACES, 15-1
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STAKES RESULTS:

RICHMOND S., \$78,100, Indiana Grand, 9-16, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.24, ft.

1--**EXPECT INDY, 121, m, 7, Mr. Mabee--Jet n' Expectation, by Valid Expectations.** O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Lake Shore Farm (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras; J-Emmanuel Esquivel. \$46,391.
Lifetime Record: 42-12-10-6, \$541,213.

2--**Unbridled Class**, 124, m, 5, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim. O/B-L. T. B., Inc. & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$15,464.

3--**Pretty Assets**, 117, f, 4, Caiman--Utesa, by Eddington. O/B/T-R. Gary Patrick (IN). \$8,505.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 0.70, 5.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Delaware, \$42,250, 9-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft.

PRESS MY BETS (g, 4, Uncaptured--Suite Ten, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$55,460. O-Richard Malouf; B-John B. Penn (FL); T-Scott A. Lake. *\$36,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

4th-Delaware, \$41,625, 9-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.33, fm.

SETHAMEE STREET (f, 4, Street Sense--Charged Cotton {SW, \$162,741}, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$96,345.
O-Jerry Weiss; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Baltazar Galvan.

9th-Parx Racing, \$40,500, 9-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.07, ft.

POWERFUL VENEZUELA (g, 5, Poseidon's Warrior--Gold Point Gal, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-6-3-3, \$153,545. O-Bing Cherry Racing, Inc.; B-Orlyana Farm (FL); T-Harold Wyner.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,018, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 9-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.11, ft.

A GREAT TIME (m, 6, Street Magician--Short Time {GSP, \$191,667}, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-3-5-3, \$163,512. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. *1/2 to Clever Strike (Smart Strike), GSP, \$170,580; Victor's Cry

(Street Cry {Ire}), GISW, \$762,021.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, 9-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.26, ft.

FORGOTTEN PEACE (f, 4, Jersey Town--Universal Peace {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$88,340.

O-Tim Girtten, Marc Mazzocco & Pete Magee; B-Lannister Holdings LLC, Don Brown & Nancy Sexton (OK); T-Tim Girtten.

6th-Belterra, \$24,500, (S), 9-16, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.34, ft.

ROSCO P. COLTRANE (g, 5, Flagship--Unbridled Glory, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 20-4-6-2, \$130,927. O-Smith Red Gate Farm, LLC & Mark D. Kuntz; B-Byerpatch Farm (OH); T-Larry E. Smith. *1/2 to Thetrailerguy (Henny Hughes), SW, \$149,195.

7th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,500, (S), 9-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.03, fm.

WAR COUNT (g, 5, War Eagle--Foroncenmylifetime, by Captain Countdown) Lifetime Record: 17-4-5-4, \$84,880.
O/B-Phyllis Presswood (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,500, (S), 9-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.71, fm.

CHANSON LA BELLE (f, 3, Calibrachoa--Fiftyfour Forever {MSP, \$275,206}, by Closing Argument) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$52,620. O-Phyllis J. Hodges & Randolph Schneider; B-J. Adcock & Lon Baronne (LA); T-James E. Hodges. *\$3,000 RNA Ylg '18 ESLYRL.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$20,400, 9-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.88, ft.

GRUDGE (f, 3, Palace Malice--Pilamaya, by Grand Slam)

Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$59,650. O-Ronald A. Brown; B-Stephanie Baltzan (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *\$170,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR; \$65,000 3yo '20 OBSWIN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Standing Perfect, c, 2, **Half Ours**--Stand by for News, by Majesticperfection. Louisiana Downs, 9-16, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.57.
B-Roger C. Rashall (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Stone Arch Bridge, f, 2, **Law Enforcement**--Ready to Rip, by More Than Ready. Canterbury, 9-16, 6f, 1:12.89. B-Kindred Stables, Inc (MN). *1/2 to Ready to Runaway (First Dude), SW, \$359,980.

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Champ Spirit, g, 2, **Shame On Charlie**--Shug's Spirit, by Diabolical. Albuquerque, 9-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.18. B-Barbara Brown (NM). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

J Fich, g, 3, **Bellamy Road**--Coral Beach, by Tale of the Cat. Finger Lakes, 9-16, 1m, 1:42.95. B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC & Dragon Squared LLC (NY).

Masterclass, g, 3, **Finale**--Hymnsandhers, by Songandaprayer. Albuquerque, 9-16, (S), 1m, 1:39.51. B-R Legacy Racing, Inc. (NM). *\$5,000 Ylg '18 RUIAUG.

Honorable Avenue, g, 3, **Honorable Dillon**--Dean Avenue, by Pure Prize. Finger Lakes, 9-16, 1m, 1:41.93. B-Carl Buhr (NY).

Murtagh, g, 3, **Unbridled Energy**--My Stella, by Secret Romeo. Thistledown, 9-16, 1m 40y, 1:43.75. B-Julie Visnick (MI).

Prescience, f, 4, **Silver Mountain**--Jacobina, by Irgun. Indiana Grand, 9-16, (S), 1m 70y, 1:48.51. B-Charles White (IN).

FINALE, Masterclass, g, 3, o/o Hymnsandhers, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 9-16, Albuquerque

FLAGSHIP, Rosco P. Coltrane, g, 5, o/o Unbridled Glory, by Unbridled. ALW, 9-16, Belterra

HALF OURS, Standing Perfect, c, 2, o/o Stand by for News, by Majesticperfection. MSW, 9-16, Louisiana Downs

HONORABLE DILLON, Honorable Avenue, g, 3, o/o Dean Avenue, by Pure Prize. MSW, 9-16, Finger Lakes

JERSEY TOWN, Forgotten Peace, f, 4, o/o Universal Peace (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. ALW, 9-15, Presque Isle Downs

LAW ENFORCEMENT, Stone Arch Bridge, f, 2, o/o Ready to Rip, by More Than Ready. MSW, 9-16, Canterbury

MR. MABEE, Expect Indy, m, 7, o/o Jet n' Expectation, by Valid Expectations. Richmond S., 9-16, Indiana Grand

NOT THIS TIME, Next, c, 2, o/o Bahia Beach, by Awesome Again. MSW, 9-16, Kentucky Downs

PALACE MALICE, Grudge, f, 3, o/o Pilamaya, by Grand Slam. ALW, 9-16, Finger Lakes

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR, Powerful Venezuela, g, 5, o/o Gold Point Gal, by Deputy Commander. ALW, 9-16, Parx Racing

SCAT DADDY, Born Great, g, 4, o/o Funfair, by More Than Ready. ALW, 9-16, Kentucky Downs

SHAME ON CHARLIE, Champ Spirit, g, 2, o/o Shug's Spirit, by



BELAMY ROAD, J Fich, g, 3, o/o Coral Beach, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 9-16, Finger Lakes

CALIBRACHOA, Chanson La Belle, f, 3, o/o Fiftyfour Forever, by Closing Argument. ALW, 9-16, Louisiana Downs



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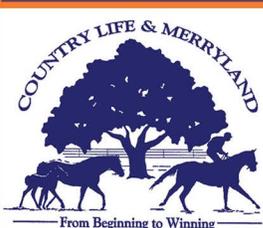
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SILVER MOUNTAIN, Prescience, f, 4, o/o Jacobina, by Irgun. MSW, 9-16, Indiana Grand

STREET MAGICIAN, A Great Time, m, 6, o/o Short Time, by Clever Trick. AOC, 9-15, Presque Isle Downs

STREET SENSE, Sethamee Street, f, 4, o/o Charged Cotton, by Dehere. ALW, 9-16, Delaware

TAPIT, Spyglass, c, 2, o/o Lady Bingo (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 9-16, Kentucky Downs

TEMPLE CITY, Sir Roberto, c, 2, o/o Fashioned Lady, by Old Fashioned. MSW, 9-16, Kentucky Downs

UNBRIDLED ENERGY, Murtagh, g, 3, o/o My Stella, by Secret Romeo. MSW, 9-16, Thistledown

UNCAPTURED, Press My Bets, g, 4, o/o Suite Ten, by Rock Hard Ten. ALW, 9-16, Delaware

WAR EAGLE, War Count, g, 5, o/o Foroncenmylifetime, by Captain Countdown. ALW, 9-15, Louisiana Downs

WOOTTON BASSETT (GB), Guildsman (Fr), g, 3, o/o Dardiza (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire). GIII Franklin-Simpson S., 9-16, Kentucky Downs

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By Emma Berry

At a time when the planet seems more divided than ever, there came a moment on Tuesday night within the notoriously conflicted world of horseracing that gave us all pause for thought. Thought and utter sadness.

The news of the death of Pat Smullen at the age of just 43 was followed by a flood of heartfelt tributes. They came both from within the racing world, united for once in sentiment, and from those outside its sphere, including the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.

As befits a man of his sporting prowess, Smullen was revered beyond the shores of his home country but he stayed true to Ireland throughout his prolific career, despite some lucrative offers to ride abroad. His achievements can be measured not just by his nine Irish Champion Jockey titles and 12 Classic victories but in his extraordinary longevity as stable jockey to Dermot Weld. In a riding career that spanned 25 years, he spent two decades at Weld's Rosewell House on The Curragh, a fact that says as much for his outstanding riding ability as it does for the loyalty and dependability of the man himself.

Patrick Joseph Smullen was born on May 22, 1977, in Rhode, Co Offaly. From first sitting on a pony as a 12-year-old, he was, like his elder brother Sean, quickly drawn to horses and left school at the age of 15 to pursue his dream of a career as a jockey. [Cont. p2](#)

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Pat Smullen Cont. from p1

Apprenticed to his local trainer Tom Lacy at Tullamore, Smullen did not take long to record the first of his near-2,000 winners when riding Vicosa to victory at Dundalk on June 11, 1993.

Lacy's son Tony paid a moving tribute to Smullen from Kentucky on Wednesday.

He said, "Pat set a standard that we'd all like to achieve but never could. Not just in his riding career, but when you look at the outpouring of grief, it comes from everyone, even the President of Ireland. Pat was a farmer's son and honesty was personified in his father Paddy.

The man Pat was came from his family. His mother is humble, gracious and sincere, his brothers the same way."

Recalling his early association with the teenage pony racer, Lacy added, "His father had approached my dad and said 'Pat doesn't want to go to school, he wants to be a jockey'. He'd been learning some riding skills by going in at the weekends to Joanna Morgan and he had such determination. That is the one way I would describe Pat in his early years: determined. You often see young people coming through and wanting to be a jockey but they rarely have the true determination and focus. But the first thing that struck me about Pat was that he was a young guy intent on improving himself, who was buying and watching VHS tapes of Mick Kinane. He idolised Mick Kinane and studied him really carefully."



Pat Smullen, Lester Piggott & Mick Kinane | Emma Berry

Smullen underlined his closeness to the Lacy family when reflecting on his riding career last year. [Cont. p3](#)



Behind a statue of Dermot Weld's two-time G1 Irish St Leger hero Vintage Crop, flags are flown at half-mast as The Curragh honours the memory of the late Irish Champion Jockey Pat Smullen on Wednesday. | INPHO Photography

Pat Smullen Cont.

“They took me in and treated me like one of their own,” he said. “They gave me an opportunity to ride and one of the achievements that I’m most proud of was being champion apprentice two years running while I with Tom. That was something very special.”

It was quickly apparent to the racing world that Smullen was himself something very special. He served a spell working as second jockey to Johnny Murtagh for John Oxx. Then, just six years after riding his first winner, he succeeded his idol Mick Kinane in one of the plum jobs in Irish racing at Weld’s powerful stable, thus beginning one of the most enduring partnerships of the turf.

Kinane’s were no easy shoes to fill but Smullen quickly adapted to the role. Having been champion apprentice in 1995 and 1996, he claimed his first professional title in 2000, the year after joining Weld.

“He was the professional’s professional,” said the trainer of his long-time ally in a video to commemorate Smullen being presented with the Cartier Award of Merit in November 2019.



Pat Smullen & Covert Love return after winning the 2015 G1 Prix de l’Opera | Scoop Dyga

Smullen retained the championship in 2001, the year in which he formed an even more important alliance with his marriage to Frances Crowley, whom he had met when they were both working in Dubai. The first female to be crowned champion amateur rider in Ireland, Crowley also trained successfully, first from Piltown at the base used with distinction by her father Joe Crowley, brother-in-law and sister Aidan and Annemarie O’Brien, and now by her nephew Joseph O’Brien. With Smullen, she moved to

Clifton Lodge to train on The Curragh, where she recorded the greatest success of her training career when saddling Saoire (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) to win the Irish 1000 Guineas in 2005.

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Pat Smullen Cont.

It was a day made even more special by her husband winning the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup aboard the Weld-bred and -trained Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}). Having made another entry in the history books by becoming the first woman to train an Irish Classic winner, Crowley relinquished her licence three years later to concentrate on raising their children.

Smullen acknowledged his wife's contribution to his career last year when announcing his retirement in his *TDN* column.

"Our best day as a family was when she won the 1000 Guineas with Saoire and I won the Tattersalls Gold Cup on Grey Swallow on the same day for Dermot Weld," he recalled. "She was a great rider herself and an exceptionally good trainer, and she gave it up to support me in my career and to raise our family. You can't ask for more from one person than what she has given me."

By that stage, big-race wins were almost a formality for Smullen. He claimed two Irish 1000 Guineas himself, the first on Nighttime (Ire), the filly who became the first Classic winner for her sire Galileo (Ire), as well as two Irish Derbys and an Irish Oaks. Of his many successful partnerships on the track, Smullen counted his four Irish St Leger victories aboard the super-tough Vinnie Roe (Ire) (Definite Article {GB}) as being among his most memorable achievements.

His position with Weld gave Smullen the opportunity to ride for many of the sport's great owner-breeders and it is well documented that for him, the best of days came when winning the 2016 Derby on Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) for the Aga Khan.

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Pat Smullen with a filly by Harzand and a Free Eagle colt | Emma Berry

Pat Smullen Cont.

However, it was perhaps fitting that his first Group 1 victory, from before his time with Weld, came aboard Tarascon (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}) for Tommy Stack in the Moyglare Stud S. of 1997. Later, it was the Haefner family's Moyglare Stud with which Smullen was most readily associated. Among the major wins recorded for Moyglare came his first British Classic success in the 2000 Guineas with Refuse To Bend (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). He also won the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. with Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the G1 Matriarch S. at Hollywood Park on Dress To Thrill (Ire) (Danehill). Following his retirement from the saddle last year, Smullen was appointed racing advisor at Moylgare Stud for Eva-Maria Bucher-Haefner, working alongside his friend Fiona Craig.

In the year Smullen achieved his crowning glory as a rider at Epsom, he also secured his ninth and final jockeys' title, having been at the top of this list in three consecutive seasons since wresting the championship from his nephew Joseph O'Brien. Only Mick Kinane, with 13 titles, has been champion jockey in Ireland on more occasions.

In the countdown to the start of the turf season in March 2018, Smullen was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The driven, sometimes inscrutable character he had been in his race-riding days gave way to one who became a candid ambassador, both for racing and for fellow cancer sufferers. The ice in his veins melted under his own warmth of personality and, one hopes, the love and support shown to him by his many friends and admirers after the news of his illness was announced.

Through two major operations and bouts of chemotherapy in

that first year, it was clearly Smullen's intention to return to the saddle. When he started his popular weekly column in *TDN* in March 2019, he talked openly about how horses were an important part of his therapy.

"As a rider I always loved the mornings," he said. "I loved getting the feel of a good horse and I think my feedback in the mornings was pretty good as well. I'm looking forward to getting back to riding work. It will give me that buzz that I need. That's what strengthens me, the excitement of getting back on a horse and the sooner that happens, the better."

"As a rider I always loved the mornings. I loved getting the feel of a good horse and I think my feedback in the mornings was pretty good as well."

Pat Smullen

Smullen returned to riding out later that spring and, though fully accepting of the medical advice that he should not put his body through the rigours required to make a competitive comeback, he was already planning one last hurrah as part of a grand fundraising drive for Cancer Trials Ireland. As it transpired, the Pat Smullen

Champions Race, run on Irish Champions Weekend in 2019, would not feature the man himself in the saddle. Though visibly struggling after the cancer had returned, he was however there in person to greet some of his greatest former rivals returning from retirement to honour their friend.

In his crusade against pancreatic cancer, the racing world marched behind Smullen, willing him on. The goodwill and respect he earned throughout his career helped the fundraising campaign to accrue more than €2.5 million towards important early diagnostic and treatment techniques to combat the disease. In July, Smullen was photographed handing over a €100,000 cheque to St Vincent's, the Dublin hospital where he underwent his treatment and where he died on Tuesday evening, exactly one year after the memorably emotional scenes on The Curragh for the race named in his honour. **Cont. p6**

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Sir A.P. McCoy & Pat Smullen after McCoy won the Pat Smullen Champions Race for Cancer Trials Ireland at The Curragh last September | HRI/Patrick McCann

Pat Smullen Cont.

“I’d like to think I achieved a little bit,” he said in 2019 when reflecting on his career as a jockey. “I might not have done anything brilliant, but I think I was consistent the whole way through. I think that’s very important in a stable jockey’s job, and that’s what I loved being, the stable jockey.”

Those words alone point to why he was deeply loved for a modesty so often lacking in today’s world. In shining a light on the achievements of others in his weekly bulletins in these pages throughout last year, his qualities beyond great jockeyship were reflected: as a mentor to the young riders following in his wake and as an eloquent representative for the sport which he loved.

“I’d like to think that I treated people with respect throughout my career and I think that all came back to me in a time of need,” he said.

For Pat Smullen, success went hand-in-hand with humility and gratitude. And when adversity came knocking, he didn’t shut the door and hide away. Instead, he gave it that famous blue-eyed stare and, in confronting the unwelcome visitor we all dread, set an example of courage and fortitude to which we all must aspire.

We wish for the same strength now for Pat’s wife Frances, children Hannah, Paddy and Sarah, mother Mary and brothers Sean, Ger and Brian, to whom we offer our sincerest condolences.

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CANCER TRIALS IRELAND PAYS TRIBUTE TO PAT SMULLEN

Editor’s note, the following is a letter sent from Cancer Trials Ireland to the family of Pat Smullen, who passed away from pancreatic cancer on Tuesday evening.

To the family of Pat Smullen

It is with a very heavy heart that, on behalf of the staff and members of Cancer Trials Ireland, we put pen to paper in remembrance of our friend, and benefactor, Pat Smullen.

Pat was a friend like no other. Almost a year ago to the day, Pat and his supporters raised a game-changing €2.6m for pancreatic cancer clinical trials. We would like to put this into context for you--just how dramatic and unusual this degree of fundraising is.

Earlier this year, Comic Relief reached out to the entire country and raised almost €6m with the help of a host of celebs across several hours of primetime TV. Pat Smullen and the horse racing community raised almost half that--€2.6m--for pancreatic cancer clinical trials alone. People diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Ireland will feel the benefit of it for years, if not decades, to come.

The low incidence of pancreatic cancer (around 560 people diagnosed in Ireland each year), the fact that it is not usually diagnosed early, and the relative difficulty of treating the disease effectively with the usual tools (chemotherapy; radiotherapy) make for a challenging, sparse research environment. But as a direct result of the funds Pat helped raise, Cancer Trials Ireland received nine research proposals this year.

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WINNER Fortune Stakes L., 8f, Sandown

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BREEDER W & R Barnett Ltd TRAINER Richard Hannon

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HRI's Brian Kavanagh presents flowers to Frances, Sarah, Hannah and Paddy Smullen in honour of Pat | INPHO Photography

Cancer Trials Ireland Pays Tribute Cont.

Three studies are now being advanced or explored, one of which will open in Ireland in a matter of weeks.

That is the work Pat has enabled us to do. But that is not all that Pat did for Cancer Trials Ireland. Last November, he helped us to raise more than €120,000 for ovarian and prostate cancer trials. Earlier this year, he gave us the go ahead to fund a Next Generation Sequencing machine (€100,000) for St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. This machine will allow doctors to genetically sequence pancreatic cancer tumours, and other tumours, potentially opening up treatment options for thousands of people with all types of cancer. On a more personal level, Pat continually made himself available for interviews, photo calls, and phone calls--anything that might help people in a situation similar to his own.

It is a mark of the man that he had such a wide-ranging generosity. Pat's popularity--and humility – was and is legendary. It was truly remarkable, and inspiring, to see that these qualities can coexist with the drive and determination it takes to reach the very top of his demanding sport. Our thoughts, today and always, are with the Pat's wife Frances, his children Hannah, Paddy and Sarah, and his wider family.

Clinical trials offer patients very real, tangible, important benefits--but they can also provide something as vital as it is intangible: Hope. That is Pat's real gift to the people who come after him, who are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The outpouring of love and support his efforts have generated give hope to us all.

Thank you, Pat.

Eibhlín Mulroe, CEO & Prof Ray McDermott, Clinical Lead, Cancer Trials Ireland – on behalf of staff

Funeral Arrangements

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, Rhode, Co. Offaly on Friday, Sept. 18th, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.
- To view the funeral mass via Zoom, the Meeting ID is 6949803979 and the Passcode is 12345.
- The Smullen family would like to thank you for your understanding and support at this difficult and sad time.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Arqana-Osarus October Catalogue Cont. from p1

Although Wootton Bassett has **relocated to Coolmore Stud in Ireland** for the 2021 season, he is still well represented at the sale with 16 yearlings, among them a son of G3 Prix Chloe victress Wilside (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) (lot 230), already the dam of Listed Prix de Thiberville heroine Sarigan (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}).



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Some other lots of interest include: Invincible Spirit (Ire)'s only yearling at the sale, a colt out of MGSW and GI E. P. Taylor S. third Naissance Royale (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) (lot 126); Sea The Stars (Ire) has a filly (lot 174) out of the SP Sansiwa (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), a half-sister to G1 German Derby winner Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}); lot 62 is a filly by American sire Munnings out of a Galileo (Ire) daughter of MGSW Adoration (Honor Grades); and there is also a colt by No Nay Never (lot 80) who is a half-brother to MG1SP Johann Strauss (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), G1SP Mythical (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) and MGSP Inchargeofme (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}). **Cont. p8**



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Arqana-Osarus October Catalogue Cont.

Reverse shuttler Fastnet Rock (Aus) is the sire of **lot 277**, a filly out of the black-type winner Becomes You (GB) (Lomitas {GB}), who ran third in the G3 Prix de Conde. G3 Prix de Lutece winner Pacifique (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) has a Siyouni (Fr) filly (**lot 137**); **lot 95** is a half-sister by Free Eagle (Ire) to G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Lancade (GB) (Areion {Ger}) out of the SP La Sabara (GB) (Sabiango {Ger}); Group 3 winner and G1 French 1000 Guineas second Coeur de Beaute (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr})'s full-sister is **lot 216**; a Le Havre (Ire) filly out of G1 Prix de Diane bridesmaid Millionaia (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) will go through the ring as **lot 115**; and there is also a full-sister (**lot 44**) to G1 Preis der Diana scorer Diamanta (Ger) (Maxios {GB}) set to sell.

Wootton Basset's son Almanzor (Fr) sees 20 yearlings ready to go under the hammer, among them the first foal, a colt, out of G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua victress Waikika (Fr) (Whipper) (**lot 223**); **lot 122** is a half-brother to MGSW Morando (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}); two lots later is MGSW Rockemperor (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})'s half-sister (**lot 124**); and there is also a half-brother to MGSW Itsinthepost (Fr) (American Post {GB}) (**lot 168**).

Another sire with his first yearlings is Ribchester (Ire), whose son of MGSW Frine (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) is **lot 60**. Fellow freshman sire Zarak (Fr) is the sire of a colt (**lot 81**) out of SW Insan Mala (Ire) (Bahhare), who has already produced SW Courcy (Fr) (Mizzen Mast).

The first and last sessions begin at 11 a.m. and the middle three starting at 2 p.m. For more the full catalogue, go to www.arqana.com.

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WARWICK WILL STILL STAGE SPECTATOR TRIAL

Only 474 spectators will be allowed at Warwick's upcoming Monday pilot of racing with spectators, the course announced on Wednesday. Prior to this adjustment downward, the track had been planning for 800 spectators. One of The Jockey Club's courses, Warwick had met with Public Health England which resulted in the spectator reduction. Racing resumed June 1 and, except for a pilot event at Doncaster last Wednesday, has been conducted without fans due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Following discussions with local authorities and representatives, Warwick Racecourse will welcome up to 474 spectators at its Monday, Sept. 21 racing fixture as part of a limited capacity trial, with stringent health and safety measures in place for its first meeting since March," said Warwick Racecourse in a statement. "The restricted capacity will be filled by 150 annual members, 124 hospitality bookers and up to 200 racehorse owners, in addition to participants and raceday staff. Tickets will not go on general sale given the limits involved."

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Oliver Dowden also offered an update via Twitter, tweeting, "Return of fans to sport update. Just held a collaborative and constructive meeting with major sports on the Oct. 1 review. There is mutual understanding of the need to get fans back in, while all acknowledging the very significant headwinds we face with the virus."

"The Government is conducting this review rapidly and will complete this work on the return of fans as soon as possible. This follows a meeting I held with the business events sector earlier this week as part of the review."

The British Horseracing Authority issued a joint statement with other sporting bodies after the meeting with Dowden which read: "We conveyed to the Secretary of State the very serious financial situation now facing our sports, clubs and venues and that we believe we can stage events safely."

"It is clear that if fans cannot return soon that there will be very serious economic implications across our sporting sector."

"Our sports have already demonstrated through staging fixtures behind closed doors, in test events and through the return of recreational sport that we can deliver the very highest standards in safety and best practice."

"We will continue to engage with the Government in the days ahead and provide any further evidence required."

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Beware the Birch: Runners clear a fence as twigs fly at Warwick Racecourse on New Year's Eve 2019. | Getty Images

WELSH COVID SPIKE NOT FROM DONCASTER PILOT ACCORDING TO TRACK

A COVID-19 spike in Wales's Rhondda Cynon Taf was not the result of last Wednesday's Doncaster pilot event where 2,500 spectators were allowed to attend, Doncaster has said, refuting the Welsh government's accusation. Wales's Health Minister Vaughan Gething indicated that a rugby club outing that made several stops—including the racecourse—caused the lockdown in Wales.

"Our contact tracing teams have been able to trace about half of these cases back to a series of clusters within the borough," said Gething. "The rest are evidence of community transmission. There are a number of clusters within Rhondda Cynon Taf, two of which are significant. One is associated with a rugby club and a pub in the lower Rhondda. And the other with a club outing to the Doncaster races, which stopped off at a series of pubs on the way."

"As a condition of running the pilot event last week, we were required to implement a full track and trace database that took the details of all attendees that would be on site, linked to an e-ticket and photo ID system on entry that would verify attendance," Doncaster said in a statement. "Doncaster

Racecourse has received no contact from any organisation, including the NHS or the Welsh Government, to verify the attendance of any individuals at last week's event for the purposes of track and trace. In addition, we do not have any ticket bookings for any groups from the South Wales area for Wednesday's event. We will be contacting the Welsh Health Minister as a matter of urgency to clarify the situation."

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FRANCE GALOP LAUNCHES ARC AT HOME

Arc at Home, a social media campaign geared toward engaging with fans unable to attend the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at ParisLongchamp due to the coronavirus pandemic, was launched by France Galop on Wednesday morning. The social media department of France Galop will provide exclusive information and stories on its [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts utilising the @FranceGalop handle with hashtag #QPAT. Fans are also encouraged to share their favourite #QPATmemories, with the opportunity to win prizes.

In 2020, two time Arc heroine Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) competes in her fourth-straight Arc with an eye to winning it three times after victories in 2017 and 2018. [Cont. p10](#)

France Galop Launches Arc at Home Cont.

Click [here](#) to view the 2020 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe trailer. The Juddmonte colourbearer ran second to Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2019. For more information, go to www.france-galop.com.

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MARLHILL HOUSE STUD LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

A new website was launched by Marlhill House Stud on Wednesday. The site will be a comprehensive platform for buyers to learn about Marlhill House Stud yearlings in advance of the sales, including photos, conformation videos and pedigree information. To view the 10 Marlhill yearlings, split evenly between Tattersalls October Book 1 and Goffs Orby, go to www.marlhillhousestud.com.

“We have done our best to move with the times this year by bringing ourselves online with a new website and greater use of social media,” said Marlhill House Stud Manager Brian McConnon. “We hope that it might give those who are unable to attend the sales due to COVID-19, as much opportunity as possible to look at our yearlings. We are particularly excited about our group of horses heading to the sales this year and hope that our website will help to showcase them to the best of our ability.”

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
13:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, SIR MAXI (GB)
19,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £36,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 155,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2020

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
13:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, BEAU TINKER (Ire)
€13,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
16:40-YARMOUTH, 6f, COCO BEAR (Ire)
25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £15,000 Goffs

UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
13:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, MR TREVOR (Ire)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
£8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 26,667gns Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2020

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/5 winners/2 black-type winners
13:15-PONTEFRACT, 6f, FURNITURE FACTORS (Ire)
£11,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; £6,400 Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-YARMOUTH, 6f, LADY OF DESIRE (GB)
18,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2019; 24,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
14:00-AYR, 8f, PRINCE ALI (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £33,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-COMPIEGNE, 1800m, MELANDROS (Fr)
€10,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-COMPIEGNE, 1800m, CALL SIGN (Ire)
€4,500 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€3,800 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Haras d'Etreham
43 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-COMPIEGNE, 1800m, ANGELINO (Fr)
€8,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018 - English Version; €25,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, SARDONYX (GB)
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018

Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Rathbarry Stud
31 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-NAAS, 5f, MR FAYEZ (Ire)
€800 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018; €18,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
94 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
8-NAAS, 7f, COOPER'S HAWK (Ire)
€26,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €64,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-NAAS, 8f, VIRTUAL HUG (Ire)
€12,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €5,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathasker Stud
45 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
4-NAAS, 5f, DOTS DE FEETYA (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
4-NAAS, 5f, ROCKIN JACK (Ire)
€11,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€4,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-NAAS, 7f, LOVEBALLERINA (Ire)

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarr Stud
83 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
2-NAAS, 6f, THE BLUE GARTER (GB)
8-NAAS, 7f, CLASSICAL MEMORIES (Ire)
€12,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
4-NAAS, 5f, KOMPROMAT (Ire)
€2,500 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; €5,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
2-NAAS, 6f, PALLASMORE LASS (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, THE LAST KNIGHT (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018
5-NAAS, 8f, SHAMBARA (Ire)
€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €13,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-NAAS, 6f, BLUE BUNNY (Ire)
€11,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
5-NAAS, 8f, ALEXANDRA COLLEGE (Ire)
€21,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
8-NAAS, 7f, DREAM KATCHER (Ire)

€12,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
2-NAAS, 6f, KEEPER OF TIME (Ire)
€27,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €3,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019
3-NAAS, 6f, LINCOLN HAWK (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
7-NAAS, 7f, MOLLY GRUE (Ire)
€3,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
1-NAAS, 6f, WRITEWHENYOULAND (Ire)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
6-NAAS, 7f, SEA SESSIONS (GB)
9,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 5,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2019
1-NAAS, 6f, UNO MILIGRE (GB)
27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3



Adaay is aiming for his 15th winner on Thursday
Whitsbury Manor Stud



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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HALF TO MONARCH OF EGYPT DEBUTS AT NAAS

3.40 Yarmouth, Novice, £6,300, 2yo, 8f 3yT

FRANCESCO GUARDI (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is given a confidence boost in this four-runner affair, having finished third in Newbury's Listed Washington Singer S. last month. The Ballylinch Stud-bred and James Ferguson-trained bay, whose dam is a stakes-placed half to Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), meets The Queen's unraced **Chalk Stream (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})**, a William Haggas-trained half-brother to the G1 Winx S. runner-up Invictus Prince (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

4.10 Yarmouth, Novice, £6,300, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT

AROUSING (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) represents the longstanding Lael Stable-William Haggas who have enjoyed high-profile success with her dual G1 Prix de la Foret-winning half-sister One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Out of the G3 Molecomb S. and G3 King George S. winner Enticing (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), the April-foaled bay gets seven pounds from Hunscombe Stud and Chris Humber's **Ville de Grace (GB) (Le Havre {Ire})**, a Sir Michael Stoute-trained daughter of an unraced full-sister to the Grade I hero Prince Arch.

5.45 Naas, Debutantes, €15,500, 2yo, 7fT

KHARTOUM (Pioneerof The Nile) cost \$1,000,000 at Keeneland September and debuts for Messrs Smith, Magnier, Tabor & Peter Brant and the Ballydoyle stable. A half-brother to the G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Monarch of Egypt by Pioneerof The Nile's son American Pharoah, the April-foaled bay meets Aquis Racing and Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al-Attiya's **Southern Lights (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire})**, a Joseph O'Brien-trained €550,000 Goffs Orby graduate from the family of High Chaparral (Ire).

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

EBF STALLIONS JOHN MUSKER FILLIES S.-Listed, £45,000, Great Yarmouth, 9-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 23yT, 2:04.31, g/f.

1--MAJESTIC NOOR (GB), 123, f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Nouriya (GB) (MSW-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (650,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Mr Imad Al Sagar; B-Saleh Al

Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Hollie Doyle. £25,299. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$47,063. *1/2 to Aljazzi (GB) (Shamardal), MGSW-Eng, \$373,413.

2--Black Lotus (GB), 128, m, 5, Declaration of War--Ravensburg (GB), by Raven's Pass. O-Salah Fustok; B-Deerfield Farm (GB); T-Chris Wall. £9,630.

3--Festive Star (GB), 123, f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)--Festoso (Ire), by Diesis (GB). (35,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Rabbah Racing; B-Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. £4,820.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 12.00, 9.00.

Also Ran: Virgin Snow (GB), Waliyak (Fr), A La Voile (GB), Stylistique (GB), Domino Darling (GB), Declared Interest (GB), Bighearted (GB), Brassica (Ire), Wejdan (Fr), Tiempo Vuela (GB), Bella Vita (GB).

Hollie Doyle's momentum keeps rolling throughout this 2020 season and there was another black-type success to add to her tally as Majestic Noor notched up a comfortable first in this company. Returning to the course and distance over which she had beaten the impressive subsequent listed scorer Katara (Fr) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) June 10, the bay who had then beaten another useful performer in Sorrel (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) in a handicap at this trip at Newbury July 8 before finishing fifth in the 12-furlong Listed Prix de Thiberville at ParisLongchamp July 23 was able to slide into a prominent stalking pitch from her wide draw. In front approaching the final two furlongs, the bay was soon in control with her rider exhibiting all of her unerring skill in the untroubled run to the line.

"It was pleasing performance. She jumped well and I was lucky enough to get the box seat and the further I went, the better," Doyle explained. "I got there in a great position in the end and luckily I was not caught out three-wide. She is a very straightforward filly that made my life easy. She ran over 12 furlongs last time out in France and I know they don't think she really stayed, but I know she stays 10 furlongs through and through, so I made a bit of use of her. I watched her run in Longchamp and it was the day I met Imad and [racing manager] Tony [Nerses] and I thought 'I can't wait to ride next time, stepping back in trip'. I needed a bit of company as she wasn't doing a whole lot when I hit the front, but she has gone away nicely."

The dam, who also won this 10 years ago, proved an instant hit as a broodmare by producing Aljazzi who captured the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and G3 Atalanta S. From the family of the G1 St James's Palace S.-winning sire Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), she has the unraced 2-year-old colt Liverpool Knight (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) and a yearling son of Decorated Knight (GB) to follow.

Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

CHASEMORE FARM FORTUNE S.-Listed, £32,000, Sandown, 9-16, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.87, gd.

1--**POSTED (GB)**, 125, f, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--**Time Away (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$122,120)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Mr R Barnett; B-W & R Barnett, Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon; J-William Buick. £18,147. Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-1, \$68,247. *1/2 to Time On (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Fr, SW-Eng, \$184,163.

2--**Montatham (GB)**, 130, g, 4, Showcasing (GB)--Eastern Destiny (GB), by Dubai Destination. (75,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 100,000gns 2yo '18 TATBRE). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Worksop Manor Stud (GB); T-William Haggas. £6,880.

3--**Lavender's Blue (Ire)**, 125, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Beatrice Aurore (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O-Benny Andersson; B-Chess Racing (IRE); T-Amanda Perrett. £3,443.

Margins: 3, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 16.00, 1.63, 7.50.

Also Ran: Bless Him (Ire), Epic Hero (Fr), Motakhayyel (GB), Zaaki (GB).

There was an upset here as the impressive winner Posted was largely ignored by the punters despite finishing a close fifth in the G3 Atalanta S. over this track and trip last time Aug. 23. Fourth in the seven-furlong G3 Sceptre S. at Doncaster last September, the homebred had upped her game on her penultimate start when 3/4-of-a-length second to Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the Listed Dick Hern S. over this trip at Haydock Aug. 8. Not straightforward in the preliminaries and slightly tardy from the stalls, the bay nevertheless proved uncomplicated once William Buick had gained the lead after the first furlong and kicked powerfully to put the improving Montatham firmly in the shade.

Posted's dam captured the G3 Musidora S. and was third in the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. before throwing as her first foal Time On who took the G2 Prix de Malleret and was in turn responsible for the G3 Oh So Sharp S. winner Mot Juste (Distorted Humor). Another of her daughters Time Control (GB) (Sadler's Wells) produced Cursory Glance also by Distorted Humor whose wins included the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G3 Albany S., and also the unraced Willow View (Lemon Drop Kid) whose son Digital Age (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was successful in the recent GI Turf Classic as well as the GII American Turf S. Time Away's half-sister Time Ahead (GB) (Spectrum {Ire}) went one better by finishing second in the Prix de Diane, while this family of the champion Time Charter (Ire) (Saritamier) also features this year's G3 Prix de Cabourg scorer Cairn Gorm (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

3rd-Sandown, £10,000, Novice, 9-16, 2yo, 7fT, 1:32.08, gd.

MY SWALLOW (GB) (c, 2, Shalaa {Ire})--Green Swallow {Fr} {GSW-Fr}, by Green Tune), sixth in a course-and-distance maiden that has produced three winners Aug. 23, jumped smartly to lead from the outset. Driven inside the final two furlongs, the 5-6 favourite was able to coast home in the closing stages and beat Bullace (GB) (Toronado {Ire}) by two lengths, becoming the 10th winner for his sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The \$825,000 Keeneland September newcomer Ebnzaidoon (Speightstown), the son of Nereid (Rock Hard Ten), was pushed along some way out but managed to gain third, a further half a length behind. The winner is a half-brother to the G2 Prix de Malleret scorer Yellow and Green (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-Fr, \$325,560. The dam, who took the G3 Prix du Calvados, is a half to the listed winner and GII La Prevoyante H. runner-up Green Girl (Fr) (Lord of Men {GB}). Her yearling filly is by Maxios (GB), while she also has a filly foal by Oasis Dream (GB). Sales history: 130,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,337. O-Mohamed Obaida; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

2nd-Sandown, £8,000, Novice, 9-16, 2yo, 8fT, 1:44.56, gd. **JUST FINE (IRE) (c, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire})--Bint Almatar, by Kingmambo)**, who was fourth on debut over seven furlongs at Lingfield Aug. 14, raced in second throughout the early stages. Committed two out, the 7-4 favourite asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Military Mission (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Castlebar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the €460,000 Goffs Orby relative of Malhub (Kingmambo), faded in the straight to finish a well-beaten ninth. The winner's dam, who also has a yearling full-brother to the winner and a filly foal by Lope de Vega (Ire), is a daughter of Firth of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill) who was runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Her progeny include the G3 UAE Oaks winner Falls of Lora (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), who in turn produced the G1 Prix Jean Prat runner-up Cascadian (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), the G1 St James's Palace S. runner-up Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB}) and the recent G2 Superlative S. scorer Master of the Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The third dam Kerrera (Ire) (Diesis {GB}), who captured the G3 Cherry Hinton S. and was second in the G1 1000 Guineas, is a half-sister to the G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire Rock City (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,010.

O-The Queen; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

3rd-Beverley, £6,300, Novice, 9-16, 2yo, f, 7f 96yT, 1:33.75, gd.

ZEYAADAH (IRE) (f, 2, Tamayuz {GB})--Masaafat {GB}, by Act One {GB}), off the mark on debut at Chelmsford Aug. 27, was slowly away and hampered at the start and ended up towards the rear as a result. **Cont. p14**

3rd-Beverley Cont.

Pushed along to close in the straight, the 4-7 favourite swamped Wise Judgement (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) inside the last half a furlong en route to an authoritative 2 3/4-length success. The winner is the last known foal out of an unraced half-sister to the G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Suez (GB) (Green Desert) whose daughter Lyric of Light (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}) took the G1 Fillies' Mile. A granddaughter of Meon Valley's foundation mare Reprocolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin {GB}), her family also features the dual G2 Hollindale S. winner and G1 Doomben Cup runner-up Leebaz (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,866.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

4th-Beverley, £6,300, Novice, 9-16, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:34.55, gd. URBAN WAR (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Urban Beauty {Ire}, by Sea the Stars {Ire}), carrying a seven-pound penalty for his mile novice auction success at Ripon Aug. 16, bounced out to lead. Veering around in the clear late on, the 15-8 favourite was always doing enough to hold Solid Gold (GB) (Helmet {Aus}) and prevail by a length. The winner is the first foal out of an unraced granddaughter of the listed-winning Capistrano Day (Diesis {GB}) who was also third in the G3 Fred Darling S. Her filly foal is by Dragon Pulse (Ire). Sales history: €11,000 Wlg '18 TATFBR; €11,500 Ylg '19 GOFSP; £15,750 2yo '20 TATABR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$10,629.

O-Constellation Syndicate & Partner; B-Michael Buckley (IRE); T-Amy Murphy.

6th-Beverley, £6,300, Novice, 9-16, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.40, gd. COTTAM LANE (GB) (c, 2, Twilight Son {GB}--Alsium {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was runner-up on debut over this trip on soft ground at Hamilton at the start of the month, showed dash to gain the early advantage against the rail. Forcefully ridden to maintain his clear superiority, the 4-11 favourite had 4 1/4 lengths to spare over Wrea Green (GB) (Mayson {GB}) at the line and become the 13th winner for his sire (by Kyllachy {GB}). The dam, whose yearling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire) is due to sell at next month's Tattersalls October Book 3, is a daughter of the G3 Blue Wind S. third Sweet Firebird (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). That makes her a half-sister to Ayrad (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) who was a dual listed scorer who also placed in three Group 3 contests, and Mastercraftsman's Dawn of Hope who took the Listed Prix Petite Etoile and was third in the G3 Snow Fairy S. Also connected to Stravinsky and his Listed Hampton Court S.-winning half-brother Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), her filly foal is a full-sister to the winner. Sales history: 45,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; £50,000 Ylg '19

GOFFPR; £52,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,615.

O-Steve Ryan & The Racing Emporium; B-Callipygian Bloodstock (GB); T-Kevin Ryan.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £6,300, Mdn, 9-16, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:22.40, g/f. READY TO VENTURE (GB) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Wonderstruck {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Sea the Stars {Ire}), an eye-catching runner-up on debut to TDN Rising Star A'Shaari (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in a novice over this trip at Newmarket Aug. 28, tracked the pace in third early. Sent to the front passing the two-furlong pole, the 4-6 favourite was quickly in command and had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Encounter Order (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) at the line. The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Pinnacle S. runner-up who is a half-sister to the triple Group 1-winning European champion Grandera (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and to another who earned that title in the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero George Washington (Ire) (Daneshill). Her yearling colt is by Siyouni (Fr), while she also has a foal full-sister to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,625.

O/B-Lael Stable (GB); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Equate (GB), c, 2, Equiano (Fr)--Spontaneity (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Beverley, 9-16, 5fT, 1:03.55. B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *£7,500 RNA Ylg '19 TASAYG.

Lazyitis (GB), f, 2, Swiss Spirit (GB)--Horsforth (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Beverley, 9-16, 5fT, 1:03.03. B-Morecool Racing (GB). *£4,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Cork, €11,000, Mdn, 9-16, 2yo, 8fT, 1:42.88, gd.

MALAYSIAN (IRE) (f, 2, Pride of Dubai {Aus}--Booker {GB}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire}), not seen since finishing fifth on debut to the subsequent G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Shale (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) over this trip at Gowran Park July 8, was in front after the first half a furlong. Clear entering the straight, the 9-1 shot was hounded late by Belmont Avenue (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) but clung on to prevail by a head and become the fifth winner for her sire (by Street Cry {Ire}). "We liked her at home and she is one of the horses that the lads in the yard own, so I had pressure on today!" commented jockey Tom Madden. "She had a good run at Gowran on very heavy ground, but it was nice ground today and she knew her job in front. She is a nice filly going forward and will definitely improve a lot." [Cont. p15](#)

5th-Cork Cont.

The winner is one of two foals and the last currently known out of a relative of Serious Attitude (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}), heroine of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and GI Nearctic S. Sales history: 27,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,169. O-S C Khaw/Mrs P K Cooper/Jessie's Brat Pack Syndicate/Elaine Lawlor; B-Mrs Sue Ann Foley & Mrs David Wachman (IRE); T-Jessie Harrington.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Balmari (Ire), c, 3, **Mukhadram (GB)**--Baliyana (Ire) (GSW-Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire). Cork, 9-16, 6fT, 1:13.29. B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE).

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

GRAND PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €34,000, Fontainebleau, 9-16, 4yo/up, 10fT, 1:59.57, gd.

1--**ALL RUMOURS (FR)**, 127, f, 4, **Shamardal--Aquamarine (Jpn)** (GSW-Fr & GSP-Ity, \$124,020), by Deep Impact (Jpn). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (FR); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte; J-Mickael Barzalona. €17,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, €44,650.

2--**Romanciere (Ire)**, 127, f, 4, Dansili (GB)--Balladeuse (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €6,800.

3--**Nausha (GB)**, 127, f, 4, Kingman (GB)--Nazym (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €5,100.

Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 1. Odds: 7.20, 1.60, 1.80.

Also Ran: Red Hot (Fr), Edisa.

Off the mark for Andre Fabre over nine furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte last July, All Rumours had been sparingly-campaigned this term with a 10-furlong Toulouse conditions win June 12 followed by a fourth in the Listed Prix de la Pepiniere over an extra half-furlong at Chantilly July 19. Anchored in last early by a confident Mickael Barzalona, the bay picked up her chief rival Romanciere a furlong from home and was able to cruise to the line to comfortably dismiss that rival who had been third in last month's G1 Prix Jean Romanet. Aquamarine, who was successful in the G3 Prix Allez France, emanates from the esteemed Wildenstein family of the GI Beverly D. S. and GI Diana S. heroine Angara (GB) (Alzao), the G1 Prix du Moulin runner-up Akatea (Ire) also by Shamardal and the high-class trio

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of Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}), Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) and Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon). She also has the unraced 2-year-old colt Macarena (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



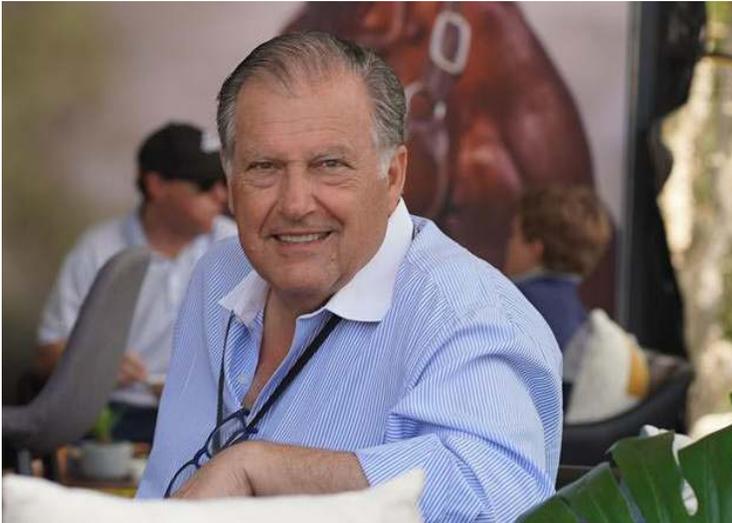
All Rumours | Scoop Dyga

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Shandara (Ire), f, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--Shankardeh (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 14f+, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$209,713), by Azamour (Ire). Fontainebleau, 9-16, 15fT, 3:09.40. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE).



OP-ED: WHAT THE PATTERN MEANS TO ME



John Messara | Arrowfield Stud

By John Messara

Earlier this year, Racing Australia announced the formation of a Working Party to initiate a strategic review of the overall structure and current relevance of the Australian Pattern of Group and Listed Races. Leading industry figure John Messara breaks down the history of the Pattern and explains how it has been applied to major international events, and gives his thoughts on the importance of maintaining a highly considered Pattern in Australia.

The Spring stakes racing program, now upon us, provides a series of escalating tests of class--collectively known as the Pattern--that deeply engage me as a sports fan who wants to see the best thoroughbreds, jockeys and trainers not only identified, but also put under pressure by competing against each other.

As the season goes on, I build up vital information about individual horses, how they compare with their peers and how they measure up against horses of previous seasons. That information helps turn my early views about stallions, broodmares and their progeny into proper assessments based on evidence I can trust. Those assessments feed into decision making, which in turn drives our participation in the sport and investment in the industry.

Importantly, the Pattern over the years has also proved to be a valuable tool in the programming of progressive horses with

options of upper and lower paths to Group 1 glory.

Leading US racing journalist, the late Kent Hollingsworth, said it best when he wrote in *The Blood-Horse* in 1974, as the international Pattern was beginning to take shape:

“Because to improve the breed, to upgrade a broodmare band, to select a stallion, to understand a catalogue page, to evaluate a family--one must be able to recognise racing class.”

That seems like a self-evident truth to me, yet forty-six years later, the Pattern is threatened in Australia and around the world by a mindset that undervalues the quest for racing excellence--for me, the ultimate Key Performance Indicator--in favour of prizemoney, wagering and entertainment KPIs.

In my view none of these four objectives is necessarily incompatible with the others. The Pattern itself was introduced as an innovative solution that would help the industry respond to the changing demands of modern racing. There is evidence to show that Pattern Committees can facilitate innovation in race development and programming, when racing administrators see it as a valuable and flexible asset, not a set-in-concrete impediment to progress.

I find myself in agreement with Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland and Chairman of the European Pattern Committee, in his address to the 38th Asian Racing Conference earlier this year: “Innovation is good and should be welcomed and encouraged, but it must be within a controlled environment, such as that run by the European and other Pattern Committees, and should be based on the strategic objective of improving the breed of horses or improving the race program within a particular region.”

Mr. Kavanagh went on to point to recent developments in the fillies', sprinters' and stayers' program in Europe, and support for end-of-season championships in Britain, France and Ireland.

“They were all introduced following detailed discussion and, importantly, unanimous agreement between the European Pattern countries. And further afield, innovations such as the Dubai World Cup, the expanded Breeders' Cup program, the Championships program in Sydney and the upgraded Hong Kong international races program have all been accommodated within the Pattern races of those regions.”

The Origin of the Pattern

The concept of the racing Pattern emerged in 1965 from the work of a UK industry-appointed committee whose recommendation remains relevant:

"Turf Authorities must ensure that a series of races over the right distances, and at the right time of the year, are available to test the best horses of all ages, and they must attempt to ensure that the horses remain in training long enough and race often enough to be tested properly for constitution and soundness."

Led by the Duke of Norfolk, the committee proposed a system of black-type races, known as the Pattern, spread over the season and limited in number to prevent the best horses from avoiding each other at every meeting and to provide the high level of competition that is crucial for the sport. This was designed to ensure that racing selects the best horses to improve the quality of breeding, thus supporting longevity for the sport and breed.

The European Pattern Committee (EPC) was established in 1971 following an agreement made by British, French, and Irish authorities to create a balanced system of races for elite horses as a solution to a particular crisis facing European racing. At that time, penalties were determined by prizemoney won in previous races, which resulted in foreign horses (lightly penalised because of their lower earnings) dominating the important races in France where prizemoney was much higher than in other countries.

The Pattern prevented this by basing penalties on the quality of previous races won, rather than prizemoney. Without the Pattern, France may have decided to restrict races to prevent foreign horses with lower prizemoney and penalties from competing—a move that would have slowed the progress made in the 1970s towards international racing.

Also in 1971, Principal (feature) races from every State were officially recognised in Australia for the first time by the Australian Conference of Principal Race Clubs (ACPRC). These Principal races would qualify for black-type in Australian sales catalogues, a separate system initiated for commercial reasons by North American auction companies. By 1973, the American Graded System was established at Europe's request so that the two jurisdictions would have similar systems to aid international competition.

Three years later (1976), Australia introduced Group 1, 2 and 3 races graded by quality and prestige: the same system as Europe and the USA. New Zealand followed suit in 1979, the year that listed races were added in Australia and the Australian Group

and Listed races Subcommittee (known as the Australian Pattern Committee since 2005) was established to evaluate races worthy of black type. It's important to note that listed races sit outside the Pattern, with several important functions:

a. They are preludes to group races as, for example, the Listed Rosebud leads to the G2 Run To The Rose which leads to the G1 Golden Rose.

b. The Listed Race category allows new races to be introduced and developed into group races, or existing group races to be demoted, but given time to regain their group rating.

c. It also awards black-type status to major races in countries like Singapore and Poland whose best racing does not yet meet the conditions of the Pattern.

d. The R. Listed designation has proved useful for recognising the quality of sale-related races, while keeping them out of the Pattern because they are not open to all-comers.

e. In Europe handicap races play little or no part in the Pattern, so listed status gives an opportunity for black-type where the best handicap races regularly produce rating figures close to or better than group races run under conditions unrestricted except by age and gender. In Australasia and North America, handicap races have a much more prominent position in the structure of racing and the best of them are granted group status within the Pattern where their ratings warrant it.



Danehill | Bronwen Healy

Progress Towards Consistent Racing Standards

A major difficulty emerged soon after the introduction of the Pattern: how to establish consistent international racing standards, so a Group 1 race in Ireland, South Africa or Australia would be of a similar standard to a Group 1 race in Japan, the United States or Brazil. A consolidated world-wide Pattern remains elusive, although progress has been made in the past decade.

What is now called the World Rankings Supervisory Committee first published international classifications of the best British, Irish and French horses in 1977 to assess quality, give breeders accurate criteria for selection and provide a method to show progression or deterioration in the breed over time. In 1983, the International Cataloguing Standards Committee (ICSC) was set up to prevent disparities in the criteria for group races and black-type in sales catalogues.

Classifications expanded to include non-European countries to encourage international competition and a similar ratings scale had to be adopted for consistency. Today, 'Part 1' countries, where races are eligible for Group/Grade status, include the USA, Canada, Japan, U.A.E, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Brazil, Peru, Chile and Argentina. Consistency of ratings is crucial for the selection of horses for international races and assessing quality for breeding and importing, as well as to identify both national and international 'Champions'. We at Arrowfield certainly relied on the Group 1 rating of the Haydock Sprint Cup when we acquired Danehill in 1989!

In 2011 the Australian Racing Board adopted the Asian Racing Federation's Ground Rules, which aim to co-ordinate the assessment of Pattern races on an international level and are based on the European rules. Previously, each country within the ARF followed its own methods of upgrading, downgrading, or introducing new black-type races.

The Ground Rules provide a ratings-based system for changes to the Pattern, which is applied consistently throughout Asia and Europe. These ratings are set by the World Thoroughbred Rankings Supervisory Committee, which also has members from Europe, North America and South America.

In order to achieve an upgrade or prevent a downgrade, the race must improve by changing its date or conditions, or by increasing its prizemoney and the importance of a race to a club, state or sponsor can no longer over-ride these criteria.



HRI's Brian Kavanagh | HRI

21st Century Challenges and Opportunities

Since its establishment, the EPC has set the bar for quality of the Pattern and its mission has set principles for the Pattern in other countries: 'to ensure the provision of a co-ordinated program of quality races across Europe; countries working together rather than against each other'. For this mission to succeed, consistent methods of quality control are crucial.

Re-vamped racing carnivals and the introduction of super-races have created challenges for the Pattern on a global scale. While innovation is necessary to improve participation and develop racing, it is also important to ensure that changes expand racing in a way that considers the wider industry and the long-term impact on the sport and the breed.

Five case studies illustrate the bold and creative approaches taken by racing administrators, including Pattern Committees, to develop new events for 21st century audiences and participants

without throwing the Pattern out with the bathwater:

Case Study #1: Breeders' Cup, USA

The Breeders' Cup (BC) was created in 1984 as a championship event to attract top international horses, generate revenue, betting handle and fans. Seven brand new races worth a total of US\$10 million (AU\$13,660,920) were created. The Graded Stakes committee made the unprecedented decision to grant each race Grade I status and again in 1999 for the new Filly and Mare Turf.

The BC aimed to provide a more logical and definitive end to the racing season. They chose a date to minimise the effect on other Pattern races while still allowing BC to be held in acceptable weather. However, many other Graded Stakes had to come forward to avoid clashing and decreasing field sizes. The New York Racing Association (NYRA) adapted their Autumn Grade I races including the Champagne, Man o' War and Jockey Club Gold Cup so they would become the BC lead-up races. This

move, to work in harmony with the BC, maintained the importance of each of these Grade I races.

While many races successfully adapted, some existing target races suffered. Held in November over 1.5 miles, the GI Washington D.C. International was North America's first international race and had attracted the best National and European horses since its inauguration in 1952. Despite efforts to try different dates on the calendar, it was eventually

discontinued in 1994 due to its decline in quality and proximity to the popular BC.

Since 1984, BC tried to create a robust series of races throughout the year by contributing funds to many US and Canadian stakes races. However, these funded races were not linked to the year-end championships.

In 2007, the BC Challenge Series was created as a series of qualifiers, serving as a prelude to the BC. This ensured that the best horses in each division would have to compete against each other on all occasions on a clear pathway to the BC. This new strategy accommodated the international Pattern and built recognition for both the brand and racing throughout the year, generating more excitement, fans, and wagering, and supporting breeders and sales. The Challenge Series began with 24 'Win and You're In' races in two countries in 2007 and grew to 86 races in 11 countries by 2019.

The BC history since its inception shows that even the boldest innovations can be subject to challenge and review, and that working with, rather than against the Pattern can be a highly successful strategy. In 2019 five Breeders' Cup races were ranked among the world's top 100 Group 1 races: Classic (rated 121.5), Mile (118.5), Turf (118.25), Sprint (118) and Distaff (116.5).

Case Study #2: British Champions Day, UK

Established in 2011, British Champions Day combined two big late-season fixtures into one Championship event between the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe two weeks earlier and the Breeders' Cup three weeks later.

A large prizemoney boost created the richest race day in Britain but how could Champions Day fit into the Pattern, without disrupting or under-mining existing races? The answer was to re-format existing end of season target races into one meeting with increased prizemoney and new titles to attract higher quality fields and allow the races to be assessed by the Pattern committee.

To complement the Pattern, the top six races in five categories throughout the calendar were branded as part of the Championship Series: sprint, mile, middle distance, long distance and fillies and mares.

The British Champions Day program features four Group 1 races and one Group 2--three of them from the historical season-end program at Newmarket and two from Ascot. They became the five Championship races, three of them named British Champions Sprint, Fillies & Mares S. and Long Distance Cup, with the Queen Elizabeth II S. and Champion S. retaining their original names. The use and retention of meaningful race names is a valuable tool for maintaining the Pattern's integrity over time, and building public familiarity with the annual program of major races.

In 2019 the Champion S. (rated 119.75), Queen Elizabeth II S. (117.5) and British Champions Sprint (117.25) were all ranked among the top 60 Group 1 races in the world.

Case Study #3: The Championships, Australia

In Australia, we learned from both the US and UK initiatives and 'The Championships' were launched in 2014 as the culmination of the Sydney Autumn Carnival. The goal was to attract top horses from around Australia and the globe, present the best racing competition at a world-class event at season's

end and provide an economic boost to racing by attracting the younger generation to the racetrack.

The challenge was to create a prestigious, attractive and commercially successful event by re-shaping, not breaking or ignoring the Pattern. Ten existing target races with well-established pathways were re-packaged into a two-day event, including eight existing Group 1 races. Clashes with other important races were avoided, but there was a need for the addition of new races to grow the program for juvenile fillies and 3-year-old sprinters.

Two existing stakes races were renamed and incorporated in The Championships program but were not awarded instant Group 1 status. Instead, increased prizemoney to attract higher quality horses was given to help those races earn Group 1 status on their merits in due course.

In 2019 both the Queen Elizabeth S. (rated 122) and TJ Smith S. (118.5) were ranked among the world's top five Group 1 races in their respective distance categories.



Yes Yes Yes winning The Everest | Bronwen Healy

Case Study #4: Commonwealth Cup, UK

The Commonwealth Cup was introduced as a brand-new Group 1 six-furlong race for 3-year-olds at Royal Ascot in 2015, as part of a series of changes initiated by the EPC to strengthen the European sprint program. The 3-year-old sprint category had been under-represented, with many horses being 'stretched out' to try and get the mile distance of the Guineas. Four decisions were made to make room for, and launch the race:

1. The Diamond Jubilee S. (same course and distance at the Royal Ascot meeting) was closed to 3-year-olds, encouraging them to run in the new race.
2. The Buckingham Palace S. was removed from the Royal Ascot meeting.
3. Geldings were allowed to compete in the first five runnings of the race (2015-19)--the first age-restricted Group 1 race in Europe open to geldings. (As it happened, no gelding managed to win the race in those first five years).
4. The Commonwealth Cup was also the first new race in the 44-year history of the European Pattern to go straight in with Group 1 status, rather than with a probationary period at a lower level or no grade at all. This was permitted as it related to an important European strategic initiative, rather than a single event and on the understanding that if it did not meet Group 1 parameters, it would be subject for downgrade.

The Commonwealth Cup has twice been ranked among the world's top 100 Group 1 races, in 2017 with a rating of 117.25, and again in 2019 with a 118.75 rating.

Case Study #5: The Everest, Australia

Launched in 2017 by Racing New South Wales with little reference to the Australian Pattern Committee, The Everest has been an almost instant success in terms of attracting audiences, industry backing and the best horses, and does not appear to have had a negative impact on the major weight-for-age Group 1 sprint races, notably the VRC Sprint Classic (run three weeks later) and the TJ Smith S. (part of The Championships in April).

In my view, a good argument can be made for including The Everest in the Pattern because, although the method of field selection is not traditional, the slotholders can in theory choose any horse, but are, of course, motivated by their substantial investment to select the best horses they possibly can. The proof is in the pudding: since inception The Everest has rated at Group 1 level.

Conclusion

I regard the Pattern as the bedrock of our sport because it is a time-proven system for classifying our equine athletes according to their ability that guides owners and breeders to decisions which will lead to the improvement of the breed.

The Pattern enables owners to benchmark their horses against others in their generation as well as against horses of the same age in previous generations. For many of us, aspiring to have our horse at the top of such a list is the "raison d'être" of racing.

I applaud advances in Australia which help to make horse racing more attractive and competitive in the 21st century marketplace, such as the introduction of The Championships and the establishment of The Everest.

However, it is important for the sport that these and other initiatives find a means of meshing with the Pattern rather than disrupting it; there is too much at stake for participants in doing otherwise. Respecting the Pattern is crucial to achieve international consistency and relevance.

If changes are made based on an isolated interest without considering the long-term impact on the sport and breed, we risk damaging both our national and international racing product. This obviously demands collaboration between state, national and international racing administrators willing to work in the fertile space between innovation and tradition.



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Date	Race	Track
Sept. 19	G1 George Main S.	Randwick
	G2 The Shorts	Randwick
	G2 Tea Rose S.	Randwick
	G3 Bill Ritchie H.	Randwick
	G3 Kingston Town S.	Randwick
Sept. 26	G1 Golden Rose	Rosehill
	G2 Golden Pendant	Rosehill
	G2 Shannon S.	Rosehill
	G3 Gloaming S.	Rosehill
	G3 Colin Stephen Quality	Rosehill
Oct. 3	G1 Epsom H.	Randwick
	G1 The Metropolitan	Randwick
	G Flight S.	Randwick
	G2 Premiere S.	Randwick
	G2 Hill S.	Randwick
	G3 Breeders' Plate	Randwick